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## Suspect claims drugged-up accomplice killed couple

**Paul Mann**  
MAD RIVER UNION

FIELDBROOK/EUREKA – Suddenly, an alleged accomplice now dogs the jury's reckoning in the Fieldbrook double murder case of Jason Michael Arreaga.



**Jason Michael Arreaga**

The putative accessory is Shavonne Hammers, 36, of Lucerne. Ironically, she was the prosecution's lead witness three weeks ago and the first to incriminate Arreaga, 30, also of Lucerne, in Lake County.

Shavonne Hammers' eleventh-hour emergence as a notional confederate was weighty enough that Superior Court Judge Marilyn B. Miles delivered an imperative to the jurors last Friday as she spelled out their instructions in reaching a verdict.

"Before you consider Shavonne Hammers' testimony against the defendant, you must decide if she is an accomplice to the crime," Miles read aloud in a formal statement from the bench. "Did she aid, participate [in], facilitate, promote, encourage or abet a criminal conspiracy?"

A person can qualify legally as an accomplice, the judge explained, even if (s)he does not face prosecution.

Deputy District Attorney Zachary Curtis granted Shavonne Hammers immunity from prosecution in exchange for her testimony against Arreaga.

**ARREAGA ❖ A5**

## 'Everyone is special, but no one is extra special.'

— Mel Brown, 1946-2015



**MEL BROWN REMEMBERED**

## Friends, family pay their respects

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
MAD RIVER UNION

BLUE LAKE – In an emotional remembrance ceremony Friday afternoon, former Arcata Police Chief Mel Brown was eulogized as a brilliant policeman, supportive colleague and loving family man. Brown, who served with the Arcata Police Department from 1972 to 2000, passed away Oct. 11.

**BROWN ❖ A3**



**SALUTE TO THE CHIEF** Top, Arcata Police officers file into Mel Brown's memorial service. Above, Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman with the Brown family.

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## Will cruise ships come to harbor?

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT BAY – After nine months of marketing, an effort to attract cruise ships to Humboldt Bay has not gained any new commitments but is said to be drawing strong interest.

The marketing effort was updated at the Oct. 13 Board of Supervisors meeting by Bruce Conner, a consultant who was jointly hired by the county, the City of Eureka and the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District. They contributed equal shares of Conner's \$30,000 contract for recruiting cruise vessels.

Conner told supervisors that in addition to one cruise liner that is already set to dock in Eureka on May 9, 2017, three more have shown interest. He said Humboldt Bay is an enticing cruise port due to the county's famed redwood forests and its location between San Francisco and Astoria, Ore.

Seventeen shore excursions have been identified for cruise ship passengers and Conner emphasized that local transportation, venues and guides would work them.

Aiming at 2017 as a docking

**SHIPS ❖ A2**

## Tax increases eyed to pay for road work

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Though some county supervisors are skeptical about asking voters for approval of a sales tax increase for road upkeep, a majority of them support doing a poll to gauge voter opinion.

The county's transportation funding dilemma was discussed at the Oct. 13 Board of Supervisors meeting. Lack of funding for transportation infrastructure maintenance and repair is a local trend that is also seen statewide and nationwide.

Another emerging trend is asking voters to pony up funding for basic services through sales tax measures, as the county did with the Measure Z public safety tax last November.

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg is the county's representative on the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), which has explored the funding problem and ways to address it.

Sundberg said that at the last HCAOG meeting, there was discussion on the possibility of spending

**ROADS ❖ A2**

## Calls for unity, 'practical solutions' on Plaza

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA PLAZA – Surrounded by minor violations of the Arcata Municipal Code and with law enforcement nowhere in sight, participants in the Community PRIDE Project (CPP) met Friday afternoon, Oct. 16 on the Plaza. The plan was to move their outreach effort from The Jam family tavern where it had met for the first two weeks out into the real world.

What followed was an hour-long discussion of the causes, effects and possible remedies for conditions downtown. These range from litter to coarse behavior to a prevailing anything-goes, scofflaw attitude that manifests itself in smoking on the Plaza, vandalism, harassment of

**PLAZA ❖ B5**



**TAKE BACK THE SQUARE** Dozens of downtowners gathered for last week's Community PRIDE Project meeting last Friday on the Plaza. KLH | UNION

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❖ CANNABIS

# County’s draft pot regs in flux

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – A staff-drafted version of a commercial medical marijuana ordinance has drawn mixed reactions, prompting county supervisors to conclude that it’s too burdensome to entice the participation of growers.

The process of drafting a regulatory ordinance for production of medical marijuana was discussed at the Oct. 13 Board of Supervisors meeting.

A previous discussion last month concluded with supervisors directing planning staff to draft an ordinance based on one proposed by the California Cannabis Voice Humboldt (CCVH) advocacy group.

The resulting draft surprised Board Chair Estelle Fennell and supervisor Ryan Sundberg, the members of the board’s Medical Marijuana Subcommittee.

Sundberg said the new draft ordinance has 13 categories of commercial cultivation, which he believes is too complex.

It also decreases the growing area threshold for conditional use permits – which are expensive and require Planning Commission hearings – to 2,000 square feet. Fennell said that will be an obstacle to drawing cultivators into a new regulatory system.

“What we’re trying to do is create an atmosphere where those who do want to come into compliance, protect the environment and be involved in their community can do so without it being too onerous,” she continued.

Fennell added that the threshold for requiring conditional use permits is “a very big deal for a lot of people.”

County Planner Steve Lazar said that the commercial cultivation permitting tiers in the new draft are “flexible and can be moved around.” He said the 2,000 square foot permit threshold is aligned with new state water quality programs but can be changed.

Cannabis Voice Humboldt originally

proposed its ordinance with an eye on putting it to voters in the November election. During a public comment period, Andy Powell, CCVH’s public outreach coordinator, described the county’s new draft as “an unworkable document.”

The draft “creates a point of entry so overly burdensome and so unrealistic that cannabis farmers in Humboldt County will see no option but to continue to operate in an unsustainable and unsafe black market rather than meet these punitive regulations,” he continued.

Referencing CCVH’s ordinance proposal, Powell told supervisors, “You might not be surprised to hear me say that there is another medical cannabis draft already in existence.”

Scott Bauer of the state Department of Fish and Wildlife’s watershed enforcement team has conducted widely-publicized studies on grow impacts. He believes the new draft ordinance will assist his agency’s efforts.

“We think this will go a long way in helping us work through the environmental issues of this industry,” said Bauer. “I think what you see here is definitely the strongest avenue for us to achieve this.”

But supervisors asked for changes to the draft.

The upshot of their discussion was that grows of 5,000 to 10,000 square feet should only require over-the-counter ministerial permits and grows surpassing 10,000 square feet should require conditional use permits.

Sundberg suggested establishing a maximum grow size cap of 20,000 square feet.

The county’s Planning Commission will review the draft. Supervisors approved a motion to have staff outline alternatives from which the commission can choose.

The board also wants a reviewed draft to return for additional review no later than Jan. 5, 2016 as the new state laws name March 1 as a deadline for local ordinances to be effective.



**NEW FIREHOUSE** The Arcata Fire District held a dedication ceremony Thursday, Oct. 15 for its newly remodeled Arcata Fire Station. Top right, Al Masterson and Edy Vaissade uncouple a hose, a firefighter version of a ribbon cutting. Masterson is the last surviving member the crew that dedicated the expanded station in 1949. Vaissade was a good friend of Orvamae Emerson, whose generosity helped pay for the remodel, along with money raised by volunteers. Above, Arcata Fire Chief Desmond Cowan talks about the district’s rich history. Left, the ceremony ended with firefighters pushing an apparatus into a new bay, a tradition dating back to when firefighters pushed horse-drawn apparatus into their stations after making calls.

PHOTOS BY MAIT FILAR

## Slurry sealing this week in Arcata

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA – City contractor Sierra Nevada Construction is resurfacing streets in several Arcata neighborhoods this week.

The work will extend the life of the roadway, provide a smooth driving surface and visually enhance road appearance. The asphalt slurry seal requires three to four hours after placement to dry, depending on the temperature and weather. Streets will be temporarily closed after paving to prevent staining of cars and footwear.

Affected streets and neighborhoods include portions of L.K. Wood Boulevard, Spear Avenue, G, H and K streets, Alliance Road, 12th, 14th, P, R and Q streets, Zehndner Avenue, Haeger Avenue, Villa and Austin Ways and Union Street. Maps of work areas can be found on the City of Arcata website, [cityofarcata.org/construction-projects](http://cityofarcata.org/construction-projects).

This project is part of Arcata’s overall Pavement Management Program and is made possible in part by the voters’ approval of Measure G which generates funds through a ¾ cent sales tax in the City of Arcata.

Affected residents have received written notifications listing the approximate date and time frame for work in their neighborhood. Residents are asked to remove all vehicles from the street within the posted area and to expect to be unable to leave or return to their driveways within the work and drying times. Vehicle access on these streets will be very limited during work times. Everyone is asked to follow detour signs and instructions posted at the work sites during this process.

For additional information, please contact the Arcata Engineering Department at (707) 825-2128.

## Brown | Former chief was loved, respected

❖ FROM A1

The ceremony at the Sapphire Palace was attended by hundreds of friends, family members and professional colleagues. An APD honor guard presented the colors.

“Mel was Mel,” said a representative of the Blue Lake Rancheria. Following his retirement from APD in 2000, Brown served on Blue Lake Casino’s security team. “The Blue Lake Rancheria family loved Mel. He was our friend, our father figure, our brother and he was there with a shoulder to cry on. He was a grandpa to the chil-

dren and he was our Santa Claus. He was the voice of reason in troubled times and he was a jokester.”

Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman said Brown’s service to his community and his legacy embody the principles symbolized by the seven points of the police officer’s badge: honor, truth, hope, obedience, justice, benevolence and authority.

Brian Brown remembered how his father knew everyone in Arcata. He said he modeled his life after his dad, becoming a California Highway Patrol officer, and that they shared

a love of motorcycle riding. On display were Brown’s massive Harley-Davidson three-wheeler, helmet and leathers.

Brown noted the saying Mel used to invoke in describing his philosophy of evenhanded law enforcement: “everyone is special, but no one is extra special.”

“This is where I differ, Dad,” Brown said. “You were extra special to me, and a lot of people.”

Following the ceremony, a U.S. Coast Guard rescue chopper from the McKinleyville station performed a dramatic flyover as attending officers saluted.

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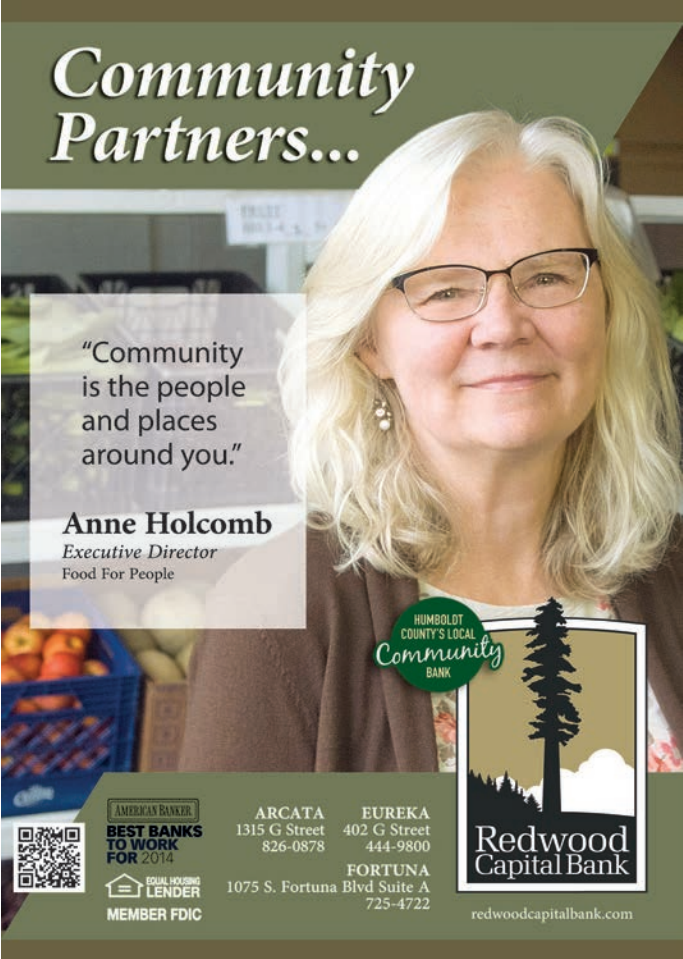


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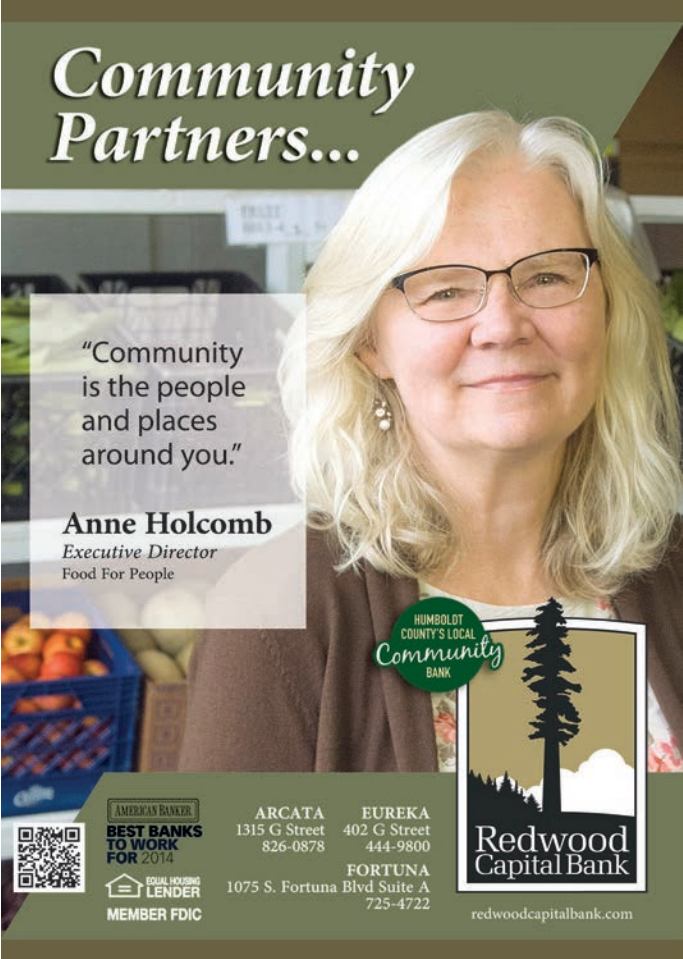
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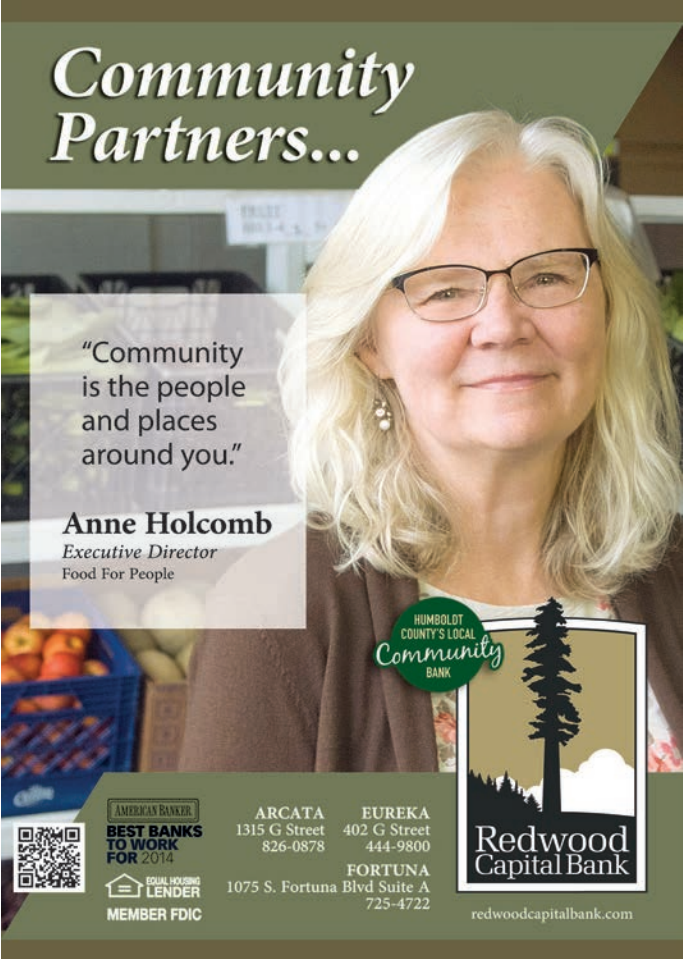
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# Candidates for the McK school board

The *Union* invited the three candidates running for two seats on the McKinleyville Union School District Board of Trustees to answer questions. The district oversees Morris, Dow's Prairie and McKinleyville Middle schools. Below are their unedited responses. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3.



## Nicholas A. Som

### 1. Who are you? Give us a mini-bio

I'm a happily married father of 3 (ages 8, 5, and 2), and we all love the community we've established here in McKinleyville. Professionally, I'm a statistician for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics at HSU, and an adjunct professor in the HSU Fisheries Biology Department. I spend my play time enjoying the North Coast's incredible natural beauty – fishing, mountain biking, surfing, etc.

### 2. One of the biggest issues the district has faced in the last couple of years is realignment. What are your views on this?

The imbalance between the two elementary schools was getting worse and needed addressing. I believe that realignment was probably the most prudent choice to create equitable classrooms for McKinleyville children regardless of their language experience. As I've said publicly, I do have concerns with how the board communicated with the community during their deliberation process. Also, there are currently ongoing issues associated with the realignment that need to be addressed.

### 3. What is the biggest challenge facing the school district and how would you deal with it?

I'm concerned that too many families choose other districts because they're dissatisfied with their child's education at MUSD sites. Our district can't accommodate the needs of all families, such as those seeking unique environments (e.g., schools with a specific charter or full-day language immersion), but we should directly communicate with willing, open-enrolled families to look for commonalities among responses, and create a forum effectively seeking solutions for families with concerns grave enough to consider open-enrollment.

### 4. Do you think vaccinations should be required for children to attend school?

Yes. But, I'm uncomfortable restricting a child's access to quality education based solely on their parents' beliefs. I understand the need to evaluate exemptions based on specific and legitimate religious and family values reasons.

### 5. What's the best of your qualities that you can bring to the board? What's the worst?

Best: I take the responsibility of serving the community very seriously. I'm a logical, thoughtful, and patient decision maker. I efficiently complete individual tasks and enjoy working on teams. As a federal statistician, I have vast experience balancing data information with societal needs to help inform public-level decisions.

Worst: I'm quickly frustrated by a lack of punctuality.

### 6. Is there any additional information, ideas or opinions that you would like to share?

Though the areas of study for my Ph.D. (ecological statistics) and M.S. (statistics) were more mathematically oriented, as an undergraduate I studied both mathematics and education. I serve on the Dow's Prairie School Site Council, volunteer to coach youth softball and soccer, and participated in the community member assessment of MUSD superintendent candidates. I want to have an active role in creating the best educational experience for my children, and the children of McKinleyville.



## Sara Alto

### 1. Who are you? Give us a mini-bio.

I am a parent of two MUSD students and have been part of the McKinleyville Union School District Board of Trustees, since 2010. I have lived my entire life in this community and graduated from McKinleyville Union School District, McKinleyville High School and Humboldt State University. I have a working background in business, finance and economics and have been active in the schools as both a parent and a board member.

### 2. One of the biggest issues the district has faced in the last couple of years is realignment. What are your views on this?

I, along with another candidate was part of the unanimous Board decision to realign the District's schools. I was in support it then and I still back it today. As the District enters its second year under the new alignment, significant progress has been made and positive results achieved. Areas still exist that need strengthening and I would like to be part of finalizing them and is why I am running for another term.

### 3. What is the biggest challenge facing the school district and how would you deal with it?

At this point I wouldn't call them challenges but rather working goals: using the current strategic plan to strengthen our schools, re-financing the remaining Measure C Bonds and continuing to effectively educate our students, teachers & staff given California's ever changing budget.

### 4. Do you think vaccinations should be required for children to attend school?

Requirements on vaccines are important BUT a parent's right to choose needs to remain ONCE they have received thorough education concerning their choice. I learned first-hand last that proper education isn't happening but rather people's political opinions being exchanged. My choice would be to put requirements on the types of education that must be obtained before a parent could opt out of a vaccine rather than taking away a parents right to choose.

### 5. What's the best of your qualities that you can bring to the board? What's the worst?

I have been part of the MUSD Board since early 2010 and feel that this working knowledge and experience gives me an advantage when making decisions related to the District and our schools. I am perfectionist and while it is often a benefit, I do sometimes see it as a downfall as I tend to be one not willing to look at new ways of doing things.

### 6. Is there any additional information, ideas or opinions that you would like to share?

"Committed to families living and learning on the North Coast in McKinleyville," the motto for our district. I have learned invaluable lessons from being part of the good times and the challenging times within the District. I am excited for parents, teachers/staff, the students and community to experience the new leadership and opportunities that lie ahead. I want the chance to be part of that commitment AND see through what I helped transform.



## Brian Mitchell

### 1. Who are you? Give us a mini-bio.

I am first and foremost a father of four beautiful children between the ages of seven and twelve who attend each of the three schools in the District.

Additionally, I am a Certified Public Accountant with a background of working with local school districts on financial accountability and compliance issues. I attended California State University, Sacramento and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting.

### 2. One of the biggest issues the district has faced in the last couple of years is realignment. What are your views on this?

The reconfiguration, and the issues that led up to it, were some of the most disruptive and challenging matters that the District faced recently. It would be a terrible mistake to assume that a reconfiguration was a panacea. The issues that plagued the District still partially remain; continuous monitoring and discussions are needed to ensure that ALL students receive a quality education and that we have the support systems in place to help students succeed.

### 3. What is the biggest challenge facing the school district and how would you deal with it?

The District is facing a loss of institutional knowledge at various levels of leadership. There are several new faces in critical leadership positions in the District, which is one of the reasons why I have decided to run for re-election. I provide some much-needed continuity and bring background, context and historical perspective that is needed to understand current challenges. My experience gives me in-depth knowledge of the issues, policies, and programs of our schools.

### 4. Do you think vaccinations should be required for children to attend school?

Vaccination has been a hot topic for many parents recently and the health and well-being of students should be of paramount importance to those charged with the governance of our schools. I feel that the role of the school system is to provide information to parents regarding their rights and responsibilities so that they can make an informed decision for their family.

### 5. What's the best of your qualities that you can bring to the board? What's the worst?

My best quality, which is also one the qualities that can cause challenges at the same time, is my inquisitive nature. I ask a lot of questions and like to thoroughly debate and consider both sides of an issue before I come to a conclusion. This helps me make the most informed decision but can take me a considerable amount of time in preparing and planning for school board meetings.

### 6. Is there any additional information, ideas or opinions that you would like to share?

Our public schools are facing significant challenges caused by inadequate funding. It's disgraceful that California consistently ranks near the bottom in per-pupil spending compared to other states. As a local CPA, I understand the complicated state and federal funding programs, including the requirements that go with them. Additionally, as an incumbent, I bring knowledge and leadership to the board. I am honored that the board has elected me to serve as Board President six times.

# Lobbyist: State budget delivered extra money to Humboldt County

Daniel Mintz  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The state's law-making and budget moves have enabled some benefits for the county, including a long-awaited payback of reimbursements for state-mandated programs.

Humboldt's Board of Supervisors was briefed on statehouse affairs during an Oct. 6 presentation from Karen Lang and Paul Yoder of the Peterson Consulting firm, the county's legislative advocate.

California has entered an era of budget recovery and Lang told supervisors that the current year's state budget includes spending increases for counties. She said total payment of reimbursements for pre-2004 state-mandated programs has "finally" been delivered.

Humboldt County has received between \$1.4 million and \$1.7 million in reimbursement payments, Lang said, in about 70 separate checks due to the variety of mandated programs.

The state also approved \$2 billion in funding to help counties deal with the impacts of drought, Lang said.

There will also be \$150 million extra for funding administration of Medi-Cal enrollments, which have increased with the implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act.

"You received a share to help offset some of the staff time demands you are experiencing," Lang said.

She added that statehouse deliberation on the recently-signed

aid in dying bill was "probably the most thoughtful and considerate debate that we did see in the legislature this year."

She also credited a three-bill medical marijuana package with including local control elements, including the ability for local governments to tax marijuana products.

Assemblymember Jim Wood, who co-authored the marijuana legislation, also advanced Assembly Bill 644, which provides exemptions from fire protection fees when land is subdivided for estate purposes and is left undeveloped. The bill gained approval from Governor Jerry Brown, as did another bill sponsored by Wood that gives the county a role in valuing Williamson Act properties when the program's contracts are canceled.

Yoder told supervisors that the state's 2016-2017 fiscal year budget is also expected to yield positive results. He said the state's approach to criminal justice continues to evolve.

"We may see the governor propose sentencing reform," Yoder continued. He said Governor Jerry Brown has vetoed nine bills that included stiffer penalties for various crimes because he is seeking to maintain a court-imposed cap on prison capacity.

"The state is really pushing up against that cap and there really is no more room for state inmates anymore," Yoder said.

Additional funding for AB109 public safety realignment will

likely include more grants for expansion and construction of county jails, he continued. Humboldt County is seeking a grant to expand its jail, including a new wing that would house rehab-related social services.

Also expected for 2016 are marijuana legalization ballot measures, with the leading proposal coming from Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom.

Legislative special sessions include one for transportation funding. Yoder said that unlike the special session on re-instituting a statewide health care tax, the transportation session has no deadline "except that the roads keep getting worse."

Yoder believes that the question of whether taxes should be increased to pay for transportation projects is one that the legislature may refer to higher authorities.

"The only thing that may be able to garner a two-thirds vote is for the legislature to place a transportation measure on the November 2016 ballot and to ultimately let the voters decide on it," he said.

A ballot measure might be structured in two parts, he added, with one part asking if voters approve of raising taxes to cover transportation funding. A second question may be whether the state's constitution should be changed to guarantee that any revenues that are raised go to transportation.

Yoder added that the state will have a budget surplus going into the next fiscal year.

**MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY WATCH** State Senator Mike McGuire will be among the guests who will meet with members of McKinleyville Community Watch on Monday, Oct. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville. McGuire will discuss state policies that affect Humboldt County and McKinleyville residents. Other guest at the meeting will include Fifth District Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Humboldt County Under Sheriff Billy Honsal, Lt. Kevin Miller, Matt Harvey of the California Highway Patrol, District Attorney Maggie Fleming, Bill Domiano of Humboldt County Juvenile Probation and McKinleyville Community Watch administrator Aaron Ostrom. Topics will include homelessness, drug use, Prop. 47 and marijuana legislation. The group will also hear updates from various county departments.

**WESTHAVEN WATER BOARD** The regular monthly meeting of the Westhaven Community Services District (WCSD) Board of Directors will be held today, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Westhaven Fire Hall, 446 Sixth Ave. in Westhaven. In addition to the regular monthly financial reports, the board will discuss its water tank project and various other water treatment issues. For a full agenda and more information, call the WCSD at (707) 677-0798 or email [wcsd@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:wcsd@suddenlinkmail.com).

**DROUGHT AND CLIMATE CHANGE: CAN OUR FORESTS TAKE THE HEAT?** As part of the Forest Ecology Fall Lecture Series, U.S. Geological Survey Research Ecologist Phillip van Mantgem talks about tree mortality and climate change at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center on Friday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. The Interpretive Center is located at 569 South G St. in Arcata. Tree death rates in old-growth Western U.S. forests have more than doubled in the past few decades, while incidence of sudden forest die-back and severe fire have become more common. Van Mantgem will talk about how increasing regional temperatures and drought correlate with this increase in tree deaths, and what this means for the future of our forests behind the redwood curtain and beyond. Call (707) 826-2359 or email [eservices@cityofarcata.org](mailto:eservices@cityofarcata.org) for more information.

**SENIOR MEETING IN MCKINLEYVILLE** The Humboldt Senior Resource Center's Board of Directors hosts a Community Meeting for residents of McKinleyville on Thursday, Oct. 29 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Hewitt Room, Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville. Refreshments will be offered. The purpose of this meeting is to hear from residents of the McKinleyville area about how programs administered by the Humboldt Senior Resource Center are impacting the lives of seniors and caregivers in that community. This dialogue with community members will provide information for the board to use in developing the policies that direct programs in the future. If you have any questions, contact Karen Smith at (707) 443-9747, ext. 1249 or [ksmith@humsenior.org](mailto:ksmith@humsenior.org).



# Candidates for the Harbor District



## 1. Who are you? Give us a mini-bio.

I'm a Public Health Nurse with a BA in Ethnic Studies/Trans-cultural Health Care, working most of my career for United Indian Health, managing community health programs over two counties, now doing contract work/consulting. My husband and I own and operate Cap'n Zach's Crab House, celebrating our 20th season. We own/operate the commercial F/V Miss Phyllis. We have two children, a son at San Jose State, and a daughter at the University of Washington.

## 2. Do you support building an oyster bar on Woodley Island? What other, if any, developments should take place on the island?

I oppose any zoning change that will push our fishing fleet from its home. Bringing in another restaurant is nice but doesn't solve our economic problems and moves away from the primary function of Woodley Island. Woodley Island is not Old Town. Woodley Island must remain dedicated to its original purpose: a port for ships and home to our commercial fishing fleet, to protect, maintain and support our commercial fishing fleet.

## 3. Is a railroad part of the harbor's future?

Not in the foreseeable future. However, any responsible long-term plan should include that possibility. For now we should focus on Rails and Trails locally, a lunch/commuter train between Eureka and Arcata with bay tours for tourists is far more likely.

## 4. What's your opinion on what's happening with the old pulp mill site?

While cleanup is a good thing, the District has gone into debt \$1.25 million – and counting – to clean it up. The public shouldn't have had to bear the costs, and it is currently drawing resources (security/maintenance personnel) away from the marina itself.

I hope the public is able to realize as much benefit from the acquisition of this

## Susan Rotwein

site as the private corporate big-money interests have gained by dumping this albatross on us.

## 5. Is the district adequately preparing for climate change and sea level rise?

Every entity should have a disaster plan and a vision for the future. Ours should include, and plan for, that eventuality and emphasize fortifying our levees, strengthening our docks and berths, which have the added benefit of providing good-paying jobs to do that work. It's more important right now to focus on keeping the harbor/shipping channels dredged, open and safe.

## 6. How would you describe the district's relationship with the fishing and oyster industries?

When it comes to the fishermen, the incumbent not only discounts their input, he cursed out members of the fishing community who tried to discuss issues with him. That disrespect for the public will not occur when I am elected. I will assure an open, transparent, inclusive and RESPECTFUL public process.

The district is working on the pre-permitting process for oyster aquaculture to streamline and kick-start the process so they can expand production.

## 7. What will you do if elected?

First and foremost, dredge on time, every time, and to the proper depth to ensure the safety of our fishermen and marine partners.

Second, call for a forensic audit/evaluate the overall operation of the district, both financial and administrative, get the District's house in order.

Third, assure an open, transparent, inclusive and RESPECTFUL public process.

## 8. Is there any additional information, ideas or opinions that you would like to share?

It is imperative that the fishermen, and shipping operators, be represented on this board, in order to ensure proper balance. I intend to be a strong voice for the fishing community. Without me, it will be the first time since the commission's inception that the fishing community is not represented.



## 1. Who are you? Give us a mini-bio.

I am 65 years old, a third generation California native, and a resident of Humboldt County since 1972. I have also been happily married to my wife Diane for 31 years. We love our home and garden on Dows Prairie in McKinleyville, which we have owned since 1990. I have been a consulting fisheries biologist with an office in Arcata since 1989, and am now the Managing Director of the Eel River Recovery Project.

## 2. Do you support building an oyster bar on Woodley Island? What other, if any, developments should take place on the island?

I support the idea of an oyster bar where people can watch the beautiful bay and its wildlife and enjoy the bounty of nature on their tables. I want to improve the quality of the wildlife habitat, especially for birds, in the preserve on the island, and am forming a committee to work on that. I am not in favor of an RV park on Woodley Island however a fuel dock is something to consider.

## 3. Is a railroad part of the harbor's future?

The industrial railroad is dead in our lifetime. I've walked and boated the Eel Canyon and have seen where mountains have obliterated the road bed. The Harbor District funded the BST and Burgel Group report that show the geology and topography of the area between us and Redding/Red Bluff precludes running a profitable railroad. It is time to build a trail on the rail right of way from Blue Lake to Arcata and Scotia.

## 4. What's your opinion on what's happening with the old pulp mill site?

The Harbor District is working to secure redevelopment funding to revitalize the old Samoa Pulp Mill site, which we call Redwood Terminal #2. The capital will be used to improve the property to make it suitable for ventures such as aquaculture, wood biomass export, and Humboldt State University. HSU is our partner in pursuing funding for a marine and alternative energy research center. This diversification will help bring more living wage jobs to our bay.

## Pat Higgins

## 5. Is the district adequately preparing for climate change and sea level rise?

Since being elected to the Harbor District in 2007, I have pressed for us to take a lead in coping with climate change and sea level rise. We need an inclusive planning process, including private land owners and the environmental community. When we reach agreement on a strategy as a community, I will work hard to get the resources for implementation so we can protect existing economic uses and increase the health of Humboldt Bay.

## 6. How would you describe the district's relationship with the fishing and oyster industries?

Our commercial fishermen hold a special place in the community and the Harbor District passed a "Right to Fish" Ordinance that says no one can complain about noises or smells of their operations. This makes sure our fishermen have a home for their boats and now we are expanding infrastructure that supports them at Redwood Terminal #1. We are obtaining a Humboldt Bay wide aquaculture permit that will allow prudent expansion in the North Bay.

## 7. What will you do if elected?

I will work on a bay side trail that extends south past CR to Fortuna and Scotia. I will continue to put energy into Redwood Terminal #2 so we can create more jobs. And I will continue work to assist North Coast regional marine fish collaborative monitoring to check effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas, prove fish stocks are healthy, and maintain our fishing access that is vital to our economic health and quality of life.

## 8. Is there any additional information, ideas or opinions that you would like to share?

Economic diversification is the key to success for small ports in the unpredictable and changing world economy. Private investments in infrastructure for shipping of wood products will help us increase ship traffic, and the Harbor District maintains pilot services and works with the Army Corp to keep the entrance dredged. In the long term we need to work on the Marine Highway so we can save fuel, reduce regional traffic and improve air quality.

# Arreaga | Suspect tells his side of story

## ✦ FROM A1

ga, the one person who had helped her when she was thrown into the street by her boyfriend in Lucerne, made homeless a day or so before the murders.

At the time of the slayings in September 2014, Shavonne Hammers was the estranged wife of murder victim Harley Hammers Jr. and the ex-friend of his girlfriend, Angel Robin Tully, the second victim Arreaga allegedly shot to death in a three-way confrontation in the driveway of 4406 Fieldbrook Rd. The victims were 37; they and Shavonne had known one another since childhood in Humboldt County.

Arreaga, on the other hand, knew neither victim and, his lawyer contends, had not the slightest motive for killing them.

Shavonne Hammers' unmistakable, undeniable motive, Public Defender Heidi Holmquist has argued from the beginning to the end of the trial, is history's oldest: a scorned woman's fury and jealousy at an adulterous betrayal by two of the people closest to her.

According to eyewitness testimony, Shavonne had threatened hours before the murders to embarrass Harley, who was living with Tully at 4415 Fieldbrook Rd. in his motor home, by asking him "what Angel tastes like." She also raged at times that Tully had tattooed the names of the Hammers' daughters on one of her forearms.

Concerning motive, whether Arreaga's or that of Hammers, Judge Miles informed the jury that the prosecution need not prove it; the state must only prove its case "beyond a reasonable doubt" based on direct and indirect evidence. But jurors are free to consider motive in reaching their verdict.

Curtis stands to lose his case against Arreaga if jurors decide the prosecution's star witness is the more plausible suspect.

That possibility cropped up suddenly last week as the trial neared its close when Arreaga, against the advice of counsel, took the witness stand on his own behalf, a rare occurrence in murder trials. He proceeded to accuse his accuser, Shavonne Hammers, now a widow and a woman he heartily dislikes and fears, of the illicit purchase one or two weeks before the murders of the black market .380 caliber pistol linked to the killings.

There is no dispute over the weapon used; the paramount question is who used it.

Arreaga went on to finger Shavonne Hammers for the murder of her ex-husband and former friend Tully. The defendant claimed he stood watching the fatal encounter unfold at 4406 Fieldbrook Rd. in front of a shanty trailer belonging to Shavonne Hammers' fellow meth addict and friend of 15 years, Angelique Eller.

Arreaga said he was blocking the trailer's door to shield his teenage girlfriend inside, Carly Michaels, as Shavonne Hammers allegedly shot and killed her husband and his girlfriend next to their maroon Maxima. They had just pulled into Eller's driveway in the second such confrontation on the fatal day of Sept. 3, 2014. The gunfire may have been the culmination of a feud among the three that in previous months had reached across two counties and spread to barbed exchanges on Facebook.

Alternatively, Curtis argues that Arreaga was the culprit: he shot Harley Hammers and Tully when they confronted him in a threatening manner with indeterminate objects in their hands. One of the objects may have been a yellow-handled axe, which Arreaga claims was brandished by Tully as she approached Eller's trailer, not at him, but while demanding that Shavonne Hammers come out for a skirmish mano a mano.

Contrary to Curtis's scenario, Arreaga testified, Tully's target was Shavonne, not him, and she ignored him completely as she swept up toward the front door yelling, "I know you're in there bitch, I'm going to fucking kill you! Come out!"

But Tully volte-faced back to the Maxima when she heard a well-known acquaintance, Jerry Bachus, confront Harley Hammers as he exited the driver's side of the car. Bachus, another hardened addict, testified that he warned Hammers to leave immediately, saying, "This is neutral territory."

At this point, according to Arreaga's version, Shavonne Hammers hailed from the dilapidated trailer where she had been nursing a drug and alcohol hangover and headed toward the trio by the Maxima, screaming at the three as she neared the open passenger door of Arreaga's Buick, "I can't believe you put my fucking kids' names on your fucking arm!"

Arreaga believed he heard Tully yell again, "Come on bitch, do something bitch!"

Then he heard gunshots, "like six or seven; there was [sic] three and then three and four."

Predictably, Arreaga's testimony sustained Holmquist's argument that it was Shavonne who murdered the couple and that she decided to testify against Arreaga in exchange for immunity because she calculated he would not take the witness stand, that it was too risky from the legal point of view.

The trial resumes this week with Curtis's final rebuttal. In his closing argument last Friday, he played multiple clips from Arreaga's interview with county Sheriff investigators, reminding jurors of the defendant's recalcitrant and ignominious be-

havior an hour or so after he was arrested, exhausted with shock and lack of sleep.

The deputy district attorney is counting on the jury weighing carefully Arreaga's trustworthiness and credibility on the witness stand against the sweeping denials and lies he told when he was interrogated. He readily admitted all of his lies, saying that with two people dead, he might become the third.

Judge Miles informed the jury that Arreaga cannot be convicted based solely on his out-of-court statements. On the other hand, she said, such statements are subject to consideration as one indication of guilt.

If the jury finds any part of the Arreaga testimony truthful – testimony that by definition is self-serving and self-exculpatory – it may be his full-up account of how Shavonne Hammers allegedly procured the murder weapon and discharged 15 shots to test it before she brought it with her to Fieldbrook in Arreaga's father's Buick under the front passenger's seat.

Arreaga recalled that Shavonne Hammers, constantly on meth, said she was "being threatened" by people, including her ex-husband, and was "extremely scared." She importuned Arreaga to help her get a gun. He declined and gave her a Taser instead. Not content with that, she entreated his father, "who loves guns. He talked to me right afterwards and loaned her money for a gun, I believe \$200. She was to pay him back. She wanted me to go with her to get it; I was pissed she went behind my back."

All of his father's guns had been stolen when he moved to Lucerne some years ago, Arreaga explained, and he was eager to obtain another one.

At his father's insistence Arreaga, accompanied by Hammers and Arreaga's drug go-between, a man named Casey, rode in the latter's car to "some place in the middle of nowhere with a lot of dirt roads" in Lake County. In a hasty transaction, allegedly arranged by Hammers, they met briefly with an unidentified woman who "jumped in the car. The girl was extremely high and extremely paranoid."

"How do you know that?" Holmquist asked.

"I've been around a lot of meth users," Arreaga answered. He testified that, on disability himself with PTSD and financially responsible for his father, who is semi-invalided with rheumatoid arthritis, he was forced to resort to drug sales on a regular basis to make ends meet. For the past year or so Michaels, a runaway, had been living with them as well.

Arreaga said he saw the gun and confirmed on the witness stand that it was the same solid black .380 caliber pistol that police found in a lockbox underneath the hood of his car when he was arrested.

"Casey checked it out; it was pretty dirty

and there was no holster," as there was when the gun was confiscated later by police. Arreaga remembered it was wrapped in "a black, dirty bandanna. The girl [who sold it] went somewhere else" unspecified.

Shavonne "gave it to my dad," Arreaga said. The understanding was that "if she didn't pay him, he'd keep it in his room. I had no access to it."

The week before departing for McKinleyville, Hammers wanted to test the pistol. She and Arreaga, his father, Casey and Casey's girlfriend drove to an informal firing range in Mendocino National Forest. Hammers brought a box of 15 rounds with her "and shot them all," according to Arreaga. He fired his father's shotgun and 3030.

Cross-examined by Curtis, Arreaga denied firing the stolen .380 himself. Asked if firing guns exacerbated his PTSD, he answered, "I've been around firearms all my life, rifles mostly; firearms don't bother my PTSD."

Under pressure from his father and from Carly, who obtained meth from Hammers, Arreaga, driving under a suspended license, reluctantly transported Shavonne, Michaels and his dog to Fieldbrook on Sept. 2-3, 2014. Hammers had just been kicked out of the house by her then-boyfriend after a final row. Arreaga was to drop her with her belongings at her mother's apartment in McKinleyville and promptly return to Lucerne.

It didn't work out that way because Hammers insisted they keep looking for a place for her to stay after she tangled with her mother, brother and son over her extreme drug and alcohol abuse. She left her mother's apartment in a huff, stranded.

Curtis pressed Arreaga to explain why at that point, given how fed up he was with Hammers' erratic behavior and habitual spleen – at one point in his testimony he called her "a complete psychopath" – he didn't just leave her in the street with her things to find her own place to bivouac.

Arreaga pleaded weariness and fatigue, not only physical exhaustion but also the emotional drain of running squabbles with girlfriend Michaels, as well as with Shavonne Hammers, about drugs and about whether to go back to Lucerne.

The two were upset with him because he had run out of the meth he had brought with him to sell in Humboldt.

Arreaga felt himself besieged by both women. As Holmquist stated in her psychologically astute and incisive closing argument, "It's pretty clear that Shavonne had a hold on Carly and Carly had a hold on Jason." One of the holds Shavonne Hammers had on Michaels was meth.

So it was Michaels who had given Shavonne the combination to his lockbox, Arreaga surmised.



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Loading dock living

• **Tuesday, October 6 7:11 a.m.** A man in a tie-died shirt lingered unwanted in a Plaza hotel and made threats to the front desk person.

**7:27–7:55 a.m.** Campers were reported on various business back porches and docks, and in Cahill Park.

**8:13 a.m.** A woman with red, curly hair and wearing a burgundy bathrobe trod along southbound U.S. Highway 101 near the Samoa Boulevard offramp.

**1:20 p.m.** A nearby resident's garbage, including mail with an address, was plopped upon the grounds of an S Street elementary school.

**3:38 p.m.** A man was heard yelling, and there were crashing sounds. But when officers arrived at 13th and F streets, all was tranquil.

**4:48 p.m.** A three-tent encampment was found in the Arcata Community Forest south of Trail 3 next to e. coli-enriched Campbell Creek.

**5:05 p.m.** After a car collision at West End Road and Ericson Way, one of the drivers reeked of alcohol and wouldn't provide information. He was arrested.

• **Wednesday, October 7 2:12 a.m.** Someone trying to get into a Foster Avenue home through a window was arrested.

**7:14 a.m.** A loading dock interloper out back of a Union-town variety store encumbered commerce in comfort, his repose enhanced by an oh-so-soft 'n' rancid mattress.

**8:06 a.m.** A Fifth Street auto body shop was burglarized and vandalized overnight.

**8:39 a.m.** It took a group of subjects to collaborate on a public works project of sorts – the placement of a large concrete block in front of the Portland loo at Eighth and F streets.

**10:51 a.m.** Five men and a woman cultivated a brunch buzz outside a G Street business where employees were attempting toil amid the wafting dope smoke.

**11:06 a.m.** A man was reported "yelling and choking and kicking" a large husky-mix dog out back of a Valley West golden arches. He could be heard railing at the animal behind the garbage cans near the palm tree.

**12:05 p.m.** Verbal venom went viral at Ninth and H streets, with police called in to calm the disputants as spectators tsk-tsked over the decline in standards for public behavior.

**12:24 p.m.** Just up the street and oblivious to the street storm and drang crawled, literally, a man so intoxicated he could only make it a few feet at a time before collapsing into a heap. Two kindly passersby took pity on the wallowing wretch, attempted to right him, and police were called to conduct a welfare check.

**12:33 p.m.** The overture of odiousness on H Street next climaxed with a screechy clash 'twixt a red-faced man and a dreadlocked associate.

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## Every junkie's like a setting sun

• **Wednesday, October 7 8:26 a.m.** Caroline Boone went to a day-care center on Hiller Road in McKinleyville and was allegedly verbally abusive to a mother who was dropping off her child. Boone was arrested on suspicion of violating a domestic violence restraining order and booked into the county jail.

• **Friday, October 9 8:40 a.m.** The investigation continues into a home invasion robbery that took place on Fickle Hill Road just outside of Arcata. Three men wearing masks entered a house, struck a male occupant in the head with a gun, then bound his hands and feet with duct tape. A female occupant had her hands bound with duct tape. One of the robbers then shot at the floor with a shotgun. The robbers were reportedly looking for a nice cache of marijuana and money, but all they got were 20 drying pot plants, two iPhones and an iPad. They fled in a reddish Bronco. Deputies found the possible suspect vehicle 400 yards away from the home, towed it into storage and obtained a search warrant to get inside.

**10:07 a.m.** The Sheriff's Office has received numerous complaints over the last couple of months of a male

pounding on the door of an ex-girlfriend's residence on Sandpiper Lane in McKinleyville. But every time deputies arrive, the door pounder is gone. This time deputies got lucky and the man was there. He told deputies that he used to live at the residence and he was just trying to get some of his stuff back. On scene was another male, who said he was the woman's new boyfriend. He claimed that the door-pounder guy had physically abused the woman. The woman, however, has never been available for deputies to make a report.

• **Saturday, October 10 6:36 p.m.** An employee of Big Kmart in McKinleyville called the Sheriff's Office to report that a man with a hypodermic syringe had been in the store's bathroom for more than an hour. David Yale was arrested on suspicion of being publicly intoxicated on heroin and booked into the county jail.

• **Sunday, October 11 8:52 a.m.** Deputies were summoned to a residence on McKinleyville Avenue after Jason Seidel allegedly slammed his on-again, off-again girlfriend into a sink. He was gone when deputies arrived.

**7:56 p.m.** A deputy pulled over a vehicle on Central Avenue in McKin-

### ❖ SUPERIOR COURT

## Bullock's pre-trial hearing set for Oct. 30

**Paul Mann**  
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – With two psychiatric reports in hand, Humboldt County Superior Court Judge John T. Feeney has scheduled the pre-trial hearing of murder suspect Gary Lee Bullock for Friday, Oct. 30, at 9:30 a.m.

That date gives Public Defender Caleb Cockram, Bullock's lawyer, two weeks to digest the findings of the second psychiatric report, submitted Oct. 9, on whether the suspect is mentally fit to stand trial. He is charged with the brutal blunt force slaying of the Rev. Eric Freed in the St. Bernard Catholic Church rectory in Eureka in the dead of night on New Year's Day, 2014.

Bullock, 45, from Redway, pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to multiple counts that include a special allegation of torture, plus charges of arson, auto theft and burglary. The case generated international headlines, owing to the savage nature of the killing of a de-

fenseless priest, and it spawned an outpouring of shock and grief.

The second psychiatric evaluation was slow in coming and a third was waived by Feeney in the interests of making incremental progress toward moving to trial at last, after a series of delays. The judge granted a defense motion Sept. 30 to postpone the trial from Oct. 13 until Feb. 8, 2016, despite a personal courthouse appeal by Freed's sister to give the stricken family closure at last.

The new delay stemmed from a packed court calendar as well as from the overdue mental health evaluations.

Feeney was eager to schedule the pretrial hearing on Friday, Oct. 16, but acceded to Cockram's request for more time to evaluate the additional psychiatric findings.



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# Opinion

## Plaza abandoned as ruffians rule the night

(Editor's note: The following was submitted to the Union at 12:43 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16.)

Good lord. We're on the third floor of the [Hotel Arcata] on a Thursday night. Are there zero police officers in your town? Screaming, loud music, open drinking, drugs and pissing, tremendously brazen and aggressive men by the dozens. Again, do you have police officers? You folk act like this is rocket science. You don't need a whiteboard, you need a police department. My daughter has decided not to attend college here as a result of a walk on the plaza this evening. You all should be ashamed. Did I ask if the town has police officers, cuz through this mess, we saw no evidence. You've been abandoned.

Shawn Garvey  
Nevada City

## LETTERS

## Bogus lawsuit intended to slander candidate

The lawsuit filed recently against the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, its commissioners and CEO Jack Crider alleging conflict of interest violations has no merit based on an initial evaluation of the pleading, according to District Counsel Paul Brisso.

The lawsuit alleges that the district illegally entered into a transaction with Coast Seafoods, the employer of Commissioner Greg Dale, in which Commissioner Dale engaged in a conflict of interest.

Under Government Code sections 1090 and 1091, there is no violation of conflict of interest when the public official's interest is "remote," the interest is disclosed and the official does not vote or otherwise attempt to influence another member of the commission to approve the contract, according to counsel.

A commissioner's interest is "remote" as defined under section 1091(b)(2) if:

1. The contracting party (in this case Coast Seafoods) has 10 or more other employees;
2. The commissioner was an employee of the contracting party at least three years before becoming a commissioner;
3. The commissioner owns less than three percent of the stock of the contracting party;
4. The commissioner is an employee or agent, not an officer or director of the contracting party; and
5. The commissioner did not directly participate in the formulating of the bid of the contracting party.

To the district's knowledge, Coast Seafoods has more than 10 employees other than Commissioner Dale; Commissioner Dale was employed by Coast Seafoods at least three years before he became a Commissioner; Commissioner Dale does not own three percent or more of the stock of Coast Seafood; and the stockholders of Coast Seafood have never voted Commissioner Dale as a Director of Coast Seafoods, and he is not a Director of that corporation, Brisso said.

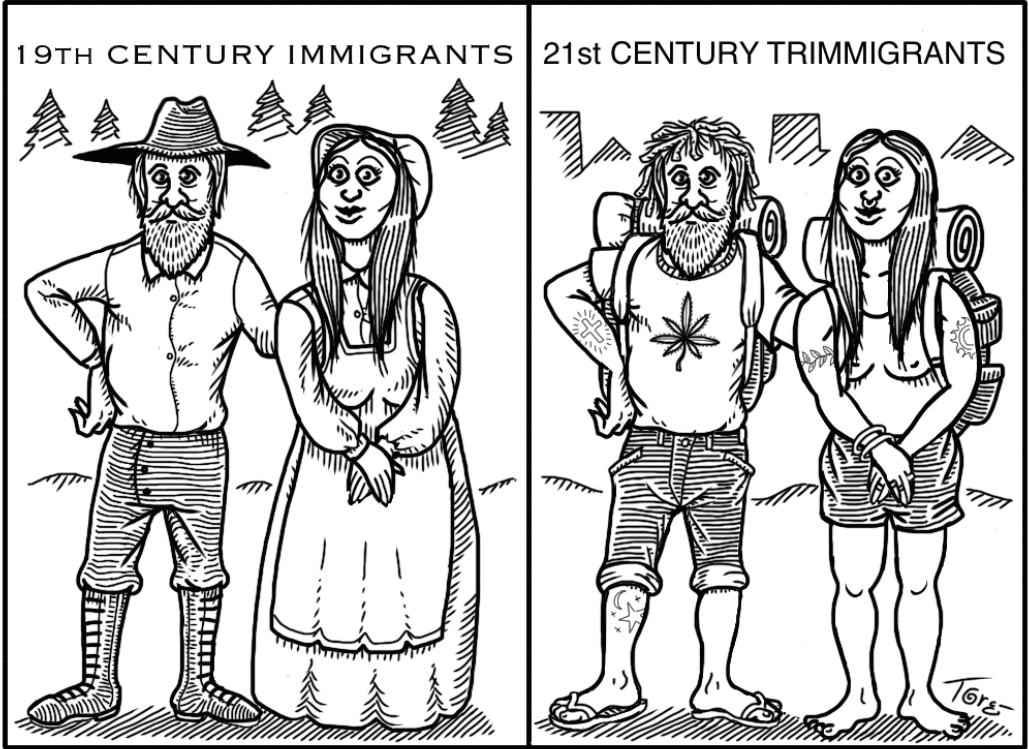
Also to the Harbor District's knowledge, the Board of Directors of Coast Seafood has never named Commissioner Dale an officer of the corporation and he is not a corporate officer. The lawsuit alleges that Commissioner Dale is the "Southwest Operations Manager for Coast Seafoods Company," which is Commissioner Dale's job title, not a corporate officer position.

To the district's knowledge, Commissioner Dale did not directly participate in Coast Seafoods' formulation of its proposal and position in limited obligation note, which is the basis for the claims made in the lawsuit. According to District CEO Jack Crider, he and District Counsel Paul Brisso were the two individuals on behalf of the district who negotiated the terms of the limited obligation note with Coast Seafoods.

"All of those negotiations were with Coast Seafoods' attorney Robert Preston and John Petrie, President of Coast Seafoods," Crider stated. "Commissioner Dale did not participate in those negotiations on behalf of either the District or Coast Seafoods."

At all times since he became a commissioner, Commissioner Dale has recused himself on issues involving Coast Seafoods. For most of the meetings and commission actions alleged in the complaint, Commissioner Dale was not even present at the meetings in question.

"Although ultimately Commissioner Dale and each of the other commissioners would have to confirm there were no at-



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tempts by Commissioner Dale to influence one or more of the other commissioners outside of the context of public meetings, the district is confident that there were no such contacts," Crider said.

In addition to the substantive allegations made against the district as being without merit, the district also believes the relief sought in the litigation is contrary to law.

The lawsuit seeks the court to order that Commissioner Dale be removed from office and barred from holding office; the district believes that is contrary to the state and federal constitutions and beyond the power of the court. "The power to remove Commissioner Dale from office, or retain him in office, is vested in the voters," Harbor Counsel Brisso stated.

The lawsuit also infers the district can keep the funds borrowed from Coast Seafood if the litigation is successful. The district believes that even if the suit is somehow successful such a result is highly unlikely. A more probable result is that the district would have to find a way to make an immediate repayment of the loan, according to counsel.

It is my personal belief that this lawsuit was filed to slander Commissioner Dale and the timing of it was designed to disrupt the electoral process, as the day the public was informed of the lawsuit was also the day Absentee Mailers arrived at 2nd District voters' mail boxes.

**Richard Marks**  
President  
**Humboldt Harbor Recreation and Conservation District**

## Wake up and vote no on fire tax

Thank you Scott Baker for your letter to the editor (*Times-Standard*) dated Oct. 9. I too was just getting ready to express my outrage with all the local assessments that take up the majority of my tax bill.

I received our tax bill, our outrageous water and sewer bill (and don't even water) and our sample ballot all at the same time.

As I looked at my sewer bill doubling because of no one taking the time to vote against this and looking at the Arcata Fire District asking for yet another increase, I could not help wondering what it would take for the people in this community to wake up and vote no on these local issues.

We heard the same old story with the last two fire assessments; we need to add more firemen and upgrade because our district is growing. That means that there is more money coming in because the taxes never go away. They are just transferred to the new owner. How much money do they need? They have received grants, they want part of Measure Z and the list goes on. It isn't as if we can go out and ask for more income to pay these added measures to our property taxes. We only have so much coming in.

How can the Arcata Fire District Board even support asking for yet another assessment when we are already paying \$108 per year. These local measures need to be brought under control.

Maybe it is time to put something on the ballot that says "if you vote for it, you pay for it" and leave the rest of us alone. PEOPLE, GET OUT AND VOTE NO ON MEASURE A.

**Loretta Wilson**  
**McKinleyville**

## A conflicted community

First, Voices of the Peninsula was not a signer to the letter of which Michael Fennell refers to in his letter regarding "Ven-

om of the Peninsula." The *Mad River Union* added Voices as a signer and when informed about the error after publication, evidently, did not correct the error. According to Jack Durham – The letter was written in the style of a Voices letter and was signed by the principal members of Voices and addressed a Voices-related issue, so it was labeled as a Voices letter – which is like saying that if some Manila CSD board members sign a letter to the editor and it is in the style of a board letter, then it is okay to say the Manila Community Services Board of Directors signed the letter.

As to Salena Kahle's and Dendra Dengler's actions as board members, they were standing up for what they believe in. Both Kahle and Dengler have a long history of community service and commitment, spanning decades and countless numbers of volunteer hours. Salena developed the Manila Family Resource Center and Teenship programs from scratch. Of course she cares about what happens to these programs. It is unfortunate that Michael Fennell finds it necessary to distort and twist their caring.

Michael claims it was the GM's responsibility – not his – in authorizing community center classroom remodeling without required permits. When called to account at a board meeting about the remodeling not being brought before the board and for the lack of permits even though the contract the charter school signed required the charter school to do so, Bryan Little of Redwood Coast Montesorri and/or the general manager said that it was the former board president that gave the okay. Michael Fennell is that former board president.

As to Dengler's FPPC violation and fine, Dengler was fined (around \$4,000) for voting on the Celestre property acquisition, a plan that a previous board had set in motion. Her vote was not necessary, that is, there were four other votes (out of five) that enabled moving forward with the plan.

Fennell neglects to mention the FPPC fine that was levied against the general manager for which Fennell and other board members were asked to account for well before the FPPC investigation but refused to do so. In three letters from me to the board, the board was asked why the Shell Drive project was added to the capital improvement plan, but the board never responded. See excerpts below.

November 26, 2012: How and why was this project designated as a capital improvement priority at this time? Is the manager's residential property within 500 feet of the project? Will the completion of this project affect the market value and/or development potential of Director Dengler's and/or the manager's property in any way? If the manager's property is within 500 feet of the project, was the manager required to disclose this fact at the time the capital improvement plan was presented to the board for approval?

July 10, 2014: In a letter to the board in November 2012, the board was asked about the Shell Drive CIP project but did not respond ...

At the time of project approval, why did the board not make the necessary, appropriate disclosures to the public about the project? .... A news article reported the project had been abandoned, when did the board decide to abandon the Shell Drive CIP project? ... If the project has been abandoned, why did the board abandon the project? The project was not in the original CIP plan compiled, in part, by the HSU intern and the former Public Works supervisor. Evidently, by approving the project, the board considered the project import-

ant, a priority. Abandonment of the project seems to contradict the board's determination of its priority/importance.

November 20, 2014: The board never disclosed to the public why the Shell Drive project was approved, a project that later, outside public process, was removed from the capital improvements plan.

The manager was fined for this attempted project, and although the *Times-Standard* reported – Manila GM to pay state \$2.5K fine over repair job; Drop: Canceled project didn't affect his house (Lorna Rodriguez, April 8, 2014), emails in 2008 from the manager to a neighboring property owner suggest the manager's property was, indeed, affected and likely would have benefited from the project – This line goes UNDER my house (June 23, 2008) and to abandon the line that runs under my house (August 1, 2008).

Speaking of FPPC liability, did Michael Fennell direct the manager, outside of public process, to record a deed of restriction concerning the Manila community center property in February of 2012? Previously recorded instruments for MDRA properties were signed by the Manila CSD board chairman. Why was this deed restriction not signed by the board chair/president, which would have brought the deed restriction before the public's eye? Given the proximity of the general manager's residence to the community center property and that his spouse became an employee of the charter school and his children are students at the school, was it wise to have the manager sign and record the deed restriction?

As to the deficits, district audits show deficit spending first began under Michael Fennell's tenure as Finance Officer. Thankfully, when voters chose not to return Fennell to the board the first time around, district reserves were rebuilt. District reserves dived once again with Michael's return to the board around 2006. The reserves are in good shape today thanks to the rate increase that specifically set aside a fixed amount to be dedicated to reserves. Michael opposed this necessary rate increase that was accomplished by a preceding board.

Even though Michael's "Clean Slate" eliminated recreation programming, he and his Slate did not reduce the rates as promised, and audits indicate that debt increased since terminating the recreation programs, that is, since the Slate took office. The Clean Slate superseded a valid interdepartmental debt repayment plan with one that has no stated debt amount and no stated debt retirement date. In other words, a debt repayment plan that is nonsense (and also not compliant with district policy).

For understanding about the debt, a complicated subject, please read the letter to the board and visioning workshop consultant from Voices dated April 24, 2015; it is a public record and also can be found in the Voices survey report.

As to the coordinator's termination of her employment with the district, I suspect it is highly inappropriate for a former board member, who was involved at the time in that particular staff restructuring, to be making innuendo about a former employee's performance. A board member does not lose his obligation to keep personnel matters confidential once he is no longer on the board. To be making false and reckless inferences based on his former position on the board is irresponsible to say the least. Is Michael subjecting the district to liability?

As to Voices being a shadowy group. Voices is a group of citizens with varying schedules. Whoever is available at the time of meeting when a letter is under development and review is who signs on to that particular letter. Salena Kahle is not and has never been a member of Voices nor has she attended any Voices meetings.

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution protects the right of assembly and the right to petition the government, which is what Voices has been doing. How oddly interesting that such activity so frightens some.

Rita Carlson  
Manila

(Editor's note: In the Oct. 14 edition, the Union printed the following clarification – "The letter to the editor titled "Talk about shame!" in the Sept. 9 edition of the Mad River Union included 17 signatures followed by the name of the organization Voices of the Peninsula. The name of the group was added by the Union. According to Rita Carlson, who submitted the letter, the letter was not from Voices of the Peninsula. Of the 17 signatories on the letter, at least 11 are members of Voices of the Peninsula. But according to Carlson, a member of Voices, those that signed the letter were doing so as individuals, not members of Voices.)





# BOOVINE BOUNTY

**HAPPY HOWMOOEEN!** Sally and Sugar are those two Jersey cows that give that delicious milk at Bayside Gardens, 2074 Old Arcata Rd. Their person, Jessica Bitner, originally raised pumpkins as "cow food." But for the third year, the two cows will be sharing their pumpkins with jack o'lantern seekers. Visit them Saturdays or Sundays until Halloween from noon until 6 p.m. to pick your own pumpkin or squash, ride the tractor and feed the cows. Entrance is free. Call (707) 496-0618 for further information. Sally and Sugar may not be available to answer the phone. Being a cow is a busy job. JV | UNION

## Manila CSD shoots down park & rec commission

**Jack Durham**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**  
MANILA – A divided Manila town board has narrowly rejected the formation of a parks and recreation commission.  
The Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Board of Directors voted 3-2 on Thursday, Oct. 15 against creating the commission, which directors Salena Kahle and Dendra Dengler argued would bring volunteers together, engage the community and help improve recreational opportunities in Manila.  
But directors John Woolley, Jan Bramlett and Joy Dellas disagreed that the sandy outpost needed the commission.  
"I wrestled with this," Woolley said.  
By creating a commis-

sion, he said, the board would essentially be making a promise that it would offer recreation programs. However, he noted, the district doesn't have money to offer programs.  
According to Manila CSD Manager Chris Drop, the district receives about \$25,000 a year in property tax revenues. Of that amount, about \$16,000 is spent to maintain district park facilities and to cover various expenses, such as sewer, water and electricity.  
Of the remaining \$9,000, \$8,000 a year goes towards paying off about \$200,000 in interdepartmental debt that was racked up back when the district had recreation programs prior to 2008. That leaves \$1,000, which is used for gravel, tsunami sign installation and other minor expenses.  
The apparent lack of funds for recreation programs, however, doesn't mean there's not support in the community for offering them or creating a commission.  
During the district's "visioning" sessions held earlier this year, about 43

percent of participants said they supported the creation of a commission. About 28 percent were against creating a commission, 16 percent were neutral and 13 percent did not indicate a position either way.  
Kahle said that commission would bring people together and help guide the Board of Directors on issues involving parks and rec. It would also be a good place for community members to learn about the district before running for the board.  
"It's a real good way to reach out in the community," Dengler said.  
Director Dellas and Woolley both pointed out that on Nov. 3 voters will select three candidates for the five-member board.  
"This is another thing I don't want to see shoved through before the new board gets seated," Dellas said.  
Rather than form a commission, Director Bramlett suggested that the board create a two-member subcommittee. Two board members would be able to meet, study recreation issues and then come back to the board with recommendations.  
In response to Bramlett's suggestion, both Kahle and Dengler said in rapid succession "It doesn't engage the community."  
As for funding for parks and recreation programs, Manila resident Bev Prosser said during public comment that the district could use the revenues it receives from renting and leasing the Manila Community Center. The board ultimately shot down the proposal.  
**Teenship Fund**  
The Manila board found common ground when it discussed what to do with about \$33,400 that's left in the Teenship fund. The money was raised over the years from the teen program that operated at the Manila Community Center.  
The board voted unanimously to have the manager investigate creating an endowment with the Humboldt Area Foundation. The fund would grow through interests and other contributions. Some of the interest would be used for activities or expenses benefiting youth.

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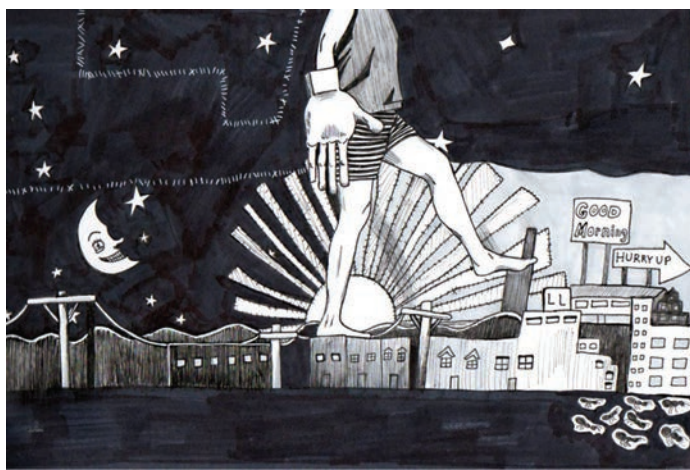
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**LIFE IMITATES ART** Filmmaker Violet Crabtree walks across the set of *The Giantess* wearing the hands from the movie. Right, one of Crabtree's drawings from a still from the short film. PHOTO AND GRAPHIC COURTESY VIOLET CRABTREE

## Big fun with *The Giantess* at Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night

**Janine Volkmar**  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The cabarets of Paris, their shadow plays, their costumed Dadaists, their artists and musicians coming together for spectacle and their outrageous poets and songwriters, had nothing on Arcata.

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Where else could you see a giantess walking across our little town (alright, a cardboard model of our little town), waving her giant hands in time to melodies played by a woman on the musical saw?

Or where else does a well-known New York comic artist and musician lend his songs to a short film made by a group of creative people who call themselves The Comix Trip?

Save your frequent flyer miles. Paris is better in the spring, anyway.

You can see the premiere of the first of the group's four short films tonight, Oct. 21, at the Arcata Theatre Lounge (ATL), 1036 G St. Doors open

at 6 p.m. and the cost is a minimal \$5 purchase of food or drink.

The film, *The Giantess*, is only four minutes long, "including the credits," said Violet Crabtree, one of the creators. "It's great for people with short attention spans," she added.

Crabtree is a storyteller and comic artist who moved to Humboldt nine years ago. She worked on the project with Jameson Collins, Lauren Dahl and Philip Kumsar.

The film grew out of a performance piece in which Crabtree moved transparencies of her comic art around on an old style overhead projector, "kind of a false animation," she explained.

The projected images were accompanied by performers making sound effects and using a few props.

Crabtree was inspired by that dreamlike state just before falling to sleep, when "your hands feel really large, larger than the rest of your body."

The giantess is played by Jessica Gantos, who now lives in New Mexico. Gantos was the original musical

saw player for the project.

The movie incorporates live action, footage from the show, and some footage from a film studio at KHSU, according to Crabtree, as well as songs by Jeffrey Lewis.

Lewis is known not only for his comic books but also for his deadpan delivery on wildly funny lyrics about his angst, his life and his work. Check out [thejeffreylewis.com](http://thejeffreylewis.com) for videos and fan made tributes.

"We'll show all four movies at the Sanctuary next year," Crabtree said, "to coincide with his tour."

Mike Sargent, who puts together those fun Sci-Fi Pint & Pizza nights at the ATL will screen his short film, *The Big Picture*, at 7 p.m. *The Giantess* will be shown around 7:30 p.m. *Spider Baby*, a 1968 horror film, will follow the shorts. Admission is free with a \$5 food or beverage purchase.

But get there early or you'll miss the premieres. Four minutes goes by quickly when you are dreaming about giantesses.



**KOREA VETERANS** Dominick J. Tarantino and Richard Holstein are two of the vets whose stories will be told in the multimedia *Echoes of War*. PHOTO BY TAMMY RAE SCOTT

## Hear the Echoes of War

**Janine Volkmar**  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE – It's a huge and ambitious project. But these four women can do it.

Ali Freedlund is a well-known North Coast storyteller. Tammy Rae Scott is a journalist, producer and sound genius. Jackie Dandeneau and Zuzka Sabata are those theater women who make things happen, at the Arcata Playhouse and Dell'Arte, respectively.

The four have been working on a project to give voices to veterans, their families and survivors of war for more than a year.

It's called *Echoes of War*. Veterans from World War II to the Korean War and from the Vietnam War to those who served in Afghanistan and Iraq will tell their experiences. Other participants will include a Bosnian Muslim woman who fled her home in Sarajevo and a Jewish woman who escaped from Nazi Germany.

The theme is "Coming Home."

Coming home from WWII when vets were greeted as heroes was a different experience than vets had returning from other wars. Those returning from Vietnam were met by the growing protest movement in this country and those returning from more recent conflicts have been met by everything from a warm welcome to apathy. Those who have survived war in their countries have also experienced everything from compassion to being ignored.

But they all have stories to tell and these four women are determined to make that happen.

"These are hard stories for them to tell," Freedlund said.

The project is in three parts: recording stories for an archive, a play at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., and a radio broadcast of both the recorded stories and the live performances on KHSU 90.5 FM on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.

ECHOES OF WAR ♦ B3



**FLIGHT AND SONG** Watercolor paintings of marsh birds by Dana Ballard remain on display at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G St., during October. Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors free monthly art/photography shows at the Interpretive Center, located at 569 South G Street. The center is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday between 1 and 5 p.m. For more information, call (707) 826-2359. [facebook.com/danaballardfineart](http://facebook.com/danaballardfineart)



### SCRAP HUMBOLDT

ARCATA – Four teams will compete in a battle of high pressure creative problem-solving and artistic wit to become the next Extreme Ultimate Supreme Craft Masters in SCRAP Humboldt's third annual Rebel Craft Rumble on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St., in Arcata.

The event is a live art-making competition inspired by television shows like *Project Runway*, *Chopped* and *Iron Chef*. All materials in the challenges are reused and gleaned from the unique and varied inventory at SCRAP Humboldt's creative reuse center. The challenges will be titillating, the pressure will be palpable and the fun only happens once a year!

The competition is hosted by Dr. Foxmeat, King of the Granny Square, and judged by the current reigning Extreme Ultimate Supreme Craft Masters, The Sparkle Ninjas, Rutabaga Queen Grandma and local artist Steven Vander Meer. Teams include

**MUSTACHIOED MAKERS** Reigning Extreme Ultimate Supreme Craft Masters, The Sparkle Ninjas, show what they're made of in last year's creative competition. SUBMITTED PHOTO

the Arcata Playhouse Arts Annex All-Stars, The Crafty Geriatrics, Shear Luck & Home Slice and The Lumber Chiefs.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at SCRAP Humboldt, Wildberries Marketplace or at [scraphumboldt.org](http://scraphumboldt.org). A select number of VIP tables are available too. Rebel Craft Rumble supports SCRAP Humboldt's environmental and arts education programs.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with a Happy Hour featuring tacos from Taco Faktory, drink specials, silent auction, photo booth by Forget-me-not Photos, music by Buddy Reed and The Rip It Ups and more! The lights will dim and the competition starts at 7:30 p.m.

SCRAP Humboldt is a project of SCRAP, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire creative reuse and environmentally sustainable behavior by providing educational programs and affordable materials to the community. SCRAP Humboldt is located on the corner of G and H streets in The Marsh District of Arcata.

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**BLUE LAKE HARVEST DAYS**  
BLUE LAKE – Celebrate the fall season at Blue Lake Harvest Days on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24 and 25. This weekend of family-friendly festivities hosts a range of activities throughout the town of Blue Lake. Participating community partners include Dell’Arte International, The Mad River Grange, The Logger Bar and the Mad River Brewery.  
On Saturday, enjoy All Day Hoppy Hour at the Mad River Brewery, 101 Taylor Way, and get down with the musical stylings of favorite Humboldt band Home Cookin’ featuring Joyce Hough, Gary Davidson, Tim Gray and Fred Neighbor playing from 6 to 8:30 p.m. All ages are welcome and this event is free to enter.  
Follow up your brew with The Harvest Days Barndance and swing your partner to the bootstompin’ beats of the

Striped Pig Stringband with caller Lyndsey Battle. The dance runs from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in Dell’Arte International’s Carlo Theatre at 131 H St. Tickets are \$5 at the door. All ages are welcome to the barndance.  
Skip across the street to the Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., sip on a specialty cocktail and listen to The Undercovers playing from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. This event is 21 + and is free to enter.  
On Sunday, The Great Pumpkin Event is back at the Mad River Grange, 110 Hatchery Rd. From noon to 4 p.m., bring the whole family down for an array of free harvest-themed activities including a homegrown pumpkin contest (bring your own pumpkin), a cake walk, face painting, games, crafts and music.  
For more information, visit [sunnybluelake.com](http://sunnybluelake.com).

**PINTS FOR NONPROFITS** Drink up at Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, today, Oct. 21, when \$1 from every beer sold all day benefits the Breast and GYN Health Project.

**HEROINES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** Spies, soldiers and slaves: learn about Women Heroes of the American Revolution with author Susan Casey today, Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. The public is invited to this free event presented by the Eureka Woman’s Club, 1531 J St. (707) 845-0331.

**SCI-FI PINT AND PIZZA NIGHT** Ogle the *Spider Baby* (1968) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways today, Oct. 21 at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. In a dilapidated rural mansion, the last generation of the degenerate, inbred Merrye family lives with the inherited curse of a disease that causes them to mentally regress from the age of 10 or so on as they physically develop. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

**LITERACY NIGHT** Humboldt Literacy Project and the Eureka Main Library present Family Literacy Night featuring Seabury Gould today, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eureka Main Library. Parents and their children are invited to come out and experience an enchanting evening of music and storytelling with this dynamic performer. Kids are encouraged to choose a free book after the show! (707) 445-3655

**MCK FARMERS’ MARKET** Get fresh Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the McKinleyville Safeway Shopping Plaza on Central Avenue.

**WOLF RADIO** Wolves are back in California! The discovery of the Shasta Pack in Siskiyou County heralds an opportunity for California to experience the ecological benefits of the presence of wolves. To learn about wolf ecology, tune in to *Wildlife Matters* on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 5 p.m.

on KMUD 88.1 FM. Hosts Amy Gustin and John Hardin talk to Cristina Eisenberg, lead scientist for the Earthwatch Institute, and author of *The Carnivore Way: Coexisting with and Conserving America’s Predators*, and *The Wolf’s Tooth: Keystone Predators, Trophic Cascades, and Biodiversity*.

**SCIENCE NIGHT** College of the Redwoods presents its 28th Science Night on Friday, Oct. 23 from 5 to 9 p.m. This educational and fun evening of free activities will be held on the CR Eureka main campus, 7351 Tompkins Hill Rd., in the New Humanities and New Science Buildings, as well as the Applied Technology building. Parking is free, and there is no admission charge. Science Night offers fun for all ages and includes demonstrations, hands-on activities, experiments, and lectures — most presented by CR faculty — on many facets of math, science and technology. There are activities for curious scientists of all ages with lots of “hands-on” activities for children. Participants will meet faculty, staff and students, visit classrooms and labs, participate in activities and view demonstrations. Detailed descriptions of each event are available at [redwoods.edu/events/sciencenight/](http://redwoods.edu/events/sciencenight/). (707) 476-4211.

**MUSIC AT THE MARKET** Bump Foundation play the Arcata Farmers’ Market this Saturday, Oct. 24. The market runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Arcata Plaza.

**SPACE CONCERT** The fall concert series at Humboldt Light Opera Company’s new home, The Sunny Brae Performing Arts Enter for Education (The SPACE), begins with an evening of opera, art song and oratorio on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. Join singers Carolyn Ayers, Tandy Floyd, Sierra Farquhar, James Gadd, Anthony Mankins and Fiona Ryder as they sing the music of Ravel, Bach, Handel, Mozart, Haydn, Massenet, Schubert and Duparc. The pianist for the evening will be Jina Silva. A special part of the evening will be the

dedication of the main classroom/recital hall at the SPACE to Jim and Jeana Stanard, who were a vital part of the North Coast musical community for over 35 years. The SPACE is located at 92 Sunny Brae Center. Seating is limited, so reservations are strongly suggested; email [info@hloc.org](mailto:info@hloc.org) or call (707) 822-3319. For more information on the concert series or educational programs, visit [hloc.org](http://hloc.org).

**MOKKA MUSIC** Mon Petit Chou plays French Canadian tunes on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. at the always-relaxed Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all ages show. (707) 822-2228

**ZUMBATHON!** On Sunday, Oct. 25, starting at noon, Marla Joy and nine other local Zumba teachers lead a two-hour Zumbathon benefit for the Breast and GYN Health Project at the Bayside Grange, 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd. It’s exercise in disguise for a good cause! There will be a raffle and auction with about 70 items, so arrive early to check it out. Registration is \$10 to \$15 on a sliding scale; doors open at 11:30 a.m. (707) 825-8345, [hcbhp.org](http://hcbhp.org)

**PRIME MINISTER’S ‘GOD ENCOUNTER’** Former Ethiopian prime minister Tamrat Layne tells about his controversial “encounter with God” in a filmed interview at Lifetree Café on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. After serving as prime minister, Layne was convicted of corruption charges and served 12 years in prison. During his incarceration, Layne claims he experienced a supernatural visit from God. Lifetree Café is a free conversation café with snacks and beverages on the corner of Union and 13th streets in Arcata. [lifetreecafe.com](http://lifetreecafe.com), (707) 672-2919

**LOCAVORES’ DELIGHT** Find fresh vegetables and fruit from local producers, food vendors, plant starts and flowers every Tuesday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Wildberries Marketplace’s Farmers’ Market, 747 13th St., Arcata. (707) 822-0095



**GOOD CHEER** Elizabeth Lund may very well serve you Black Forest Cake at the Oktoberfest dinner this Saturday. PHOTO BY JONATHAN CLAASEN

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA – The Lutheran Church of Arcata warmly invites the community to its Oktoberfest German Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24. The dinner celebrates the fall season, as well as the Lutheran Church’s German heritage, and offers the community an opportunity to experience a full-service, traditional German Oktoberfest feast!  
This year’s Oktoberfest dinner will feature a classic seasonal German menu, highlighted by week-long wine-marinated pork sauerbraten. Also included are scratch-made spaetzle, house-made gingersnap gravy and several homemade German side dishes, including sweet-and-sour-red cabbage.  
Dinner will be accompanied by a delicious artisanal German bread called sonnenblumenbrot, created especially for the Lutheran Church of Arcata’s Oktoberfest by Arcata-based craft baker, Beck’s Bakery. Loaves for the event will be baked that very morning from a traditional German recipe, and will bear the church’s Oktoberfest 2015 seal. If bread has “terroir,” then this sonnenblumenbrot will also have a special local flavor, as it will be made from grains grown in Mattole and milled into flour right onsite at Beck’s Bakery. Extra loaves of this totally local, ultra-fresh, farm-to-table Oktoberfest 2015 sonnenblumenbrot will be available at the event.  
For dessert, a selection of authentic German delicacies is offered, including apple streudel, Black Forest Cake and other authentic German treats.  
The Oktoberfest dinner will be served family-style, and the Old World atmosphere made complete with a festive soundtrack provided by live accordions. An expansive selection of German beers, German wines and Clendenen’s fresh-pressed apple cider will also be available, along with complimentary coffee, teas and lemon iced-water.  
Oktoberfest reservations can be made by calling (707) 822-5117 or emailing [gwyn@lutheranchurcharcata.org](mailto:gwyn@lutheranchurcharcata.org). There are seatings at 3, 4:30 and 6 p.m. Suggested donation is \$18/\$9 for students and kids aged 12 and under. The Lutheran Church of Arcata is nestled in the redwood forest near HSU and Redwood Park at 151 East 16th St., Arcata.

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21	THURSDAY, OCT. 22	FRIDAY, OCT. 23	SATURDAY, OCT. 24	SUNDAY, OCT. 25	MONDAY, OCT. 26	TUESDAY, OCT. 27
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night		9:30 p.m. iLL Gates vs KJ Sawka	7:30 p.m. • Random Acts of Comedy	5:30 p.m. <i>Hocus Pocus</i> (1993)	5:20 p.m. • Monday Night Football	
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Miracle Show	9 p.m. DJ Ray	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. The Undercovers	9 p.m. DJ Duo Pressure Anya	8 p.m. Karaoke w/Chris Clay	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. Karaoke w/Chris Clay
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata			9:30 p.m. Hot Buttered Rum	9:30 p.m. Moonalice	9 p.m. Fruition		
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	10 p.m. • Whomp Whomp Wednesday	10 p.m. • Synergy w/ The Dubbadubs	9 p.m. Club Triangle	10 p.m. • Motherlode with McTuff	10 p.m. Sundaze	10 p.m. • Chicago Afrobeat Project	8 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata		7 p.m. Claire Bent	7 p.m. • Brian Post & Susie Laraine	7 p.m. • Tom Toohey & Friends			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake				8 p.m. The Undercovers	6 p.m. Potluck dinner	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Old Dog	6 p.m. No Covers	6 p.m. Holly & the I.V.s	6 p.m. Home Cookin’			6 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata	all day Pints for Nonprofits	8 p.m. RLA Trio		8 p.m. Diggin’ Dirt		6 p.m. • Open Blue-grass Jam	
	Richards’ Goat 401 I St., Arcata	4:27, 7:30 & 10 p.m. <i>Back to the Future 2</i>	7:30 p.m. <i>Digging for Fire</i> 10 p.m. <i>Videodrome</i>	7:30 p.m. <i>Goodnight Mommy</i>	4:30 p.m. <i>The Prophet</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Goodnight Mommy</i>	4:30 p.m. <i>The Prophet</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Goodnight Mommy</i>	7:30 p.m. <i>Goodnight Mommy</i>	8 p.m. Taco Tuesday
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		9 p.m. • Thursday Night Bluegrass		9 p.m. S.H.I.T Stand-Up Comedy	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv	

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ARCATA – Val Rogers is a dynamic teacher, according to Jenni Simpson, singer in Jenni & David and the Sweet Soul Band and member of the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir (AIGC). “She did a fantastic job of sharing this richly spiritual music” when she taught here last May.

AIGC is sponsoring Rogers’ return to teach her South African Singing Workshop at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., on Sunday, Nov. 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 in advance at [ValRogers.org](http://ValRogers.org) or \$25 at the door.

Learn inspiring songs, four-part singing, expressive movement in the South African style and groove to the exciting rhythms. Workshop participants will have the chance to perform at the AIGC’s Harvest Concert on Saturday, Nov. 7.



Val Rogers

Meet the Press, Bill Press

HUMBOLDT LIBRARY FOUNDATION

EUREKA – As part of its continuing author series, the Humboldt Library Foundation is pleased to present a unique special event: a local fundraiser and appearance with radio talk show host, author, blogger and political commentator Bill Press.



Bill Press

As the former chair of the California Democratic Party, longtime radio talk show host, former political commentator on CNN and MSNBC, blogger for the *Huffington Post* and Washington DC’s nonpartisan newspaper *The Hill* among his many accomplishments, Press has a unique and personal perspective on who’s who and what’s what in the nation’s capital.

Sponsored in part by KGOE 1480 News/Talk, Press will appear in the new Sequoia Conference Center at 901 Myrtle Ave. in Eureka on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. Press will share his balanced inside view of Washington politics, including thoughts on the current political climate and the upcoming 2016 elections. Press can be heard on the radio locally on KGOE.

Tickets are \$35/\$25 for seniors and students; proceeds benefit the local library system. The event will include a book sale of Bill Press titles as well as a book signing. For information and ticket purchase, visit [humboldtlibraryfoundation.org](http://humboldtlibraryfoundation.org) or call (707) 618-9274.

SPOOKY Movie Festival

The McKinleyville Library is excited to announce the first annual Spooky Movie Festival on Saturday, Oct. 24!

We will be showing films all day in our conference room, starting with the silent era classic *Nosferatu*. From there we will move forward in time, to the expressionist classic *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*, followed by *The Most Dangerous Games*, *The Carnival of Souls* and the final film of the day, *House on Haunted Hill*. The library opens at 10 a.m., and we will have refreshments available for participants.

Also on Saturday, Oct. 24, SCRAP Humboldt will be in at 2 p.m. to put on an exciting craft program for children age 10 and up! We’ll be upcycling old film reels to make cinematic lamps, and 3D book sculptures of pumpkins. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the McKinleyville Library.

The next weekend kicks off with Spooky Story Time for preschoolers with Liz on Friday, Oct. 30 at 2:30 p.m. We’ll be making masks and other simple crafts as well.

On Halloween itself we’ll have another Scary Story Time for all ages at 2:30 p.m. with Tenille and

Ghoulish Goodies! We’ll be making worm cups, complete with grave dirt (cookie crumbs), mud (pudding) and wiggly worms (gummy worms)! We’ll also have treats available for children in costume participating in the McKinleyville Shopping Center Halloween parade.

The library is located at 1606 Pickett Rd. in Pierson Park Center in McKinleyville.

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Echoes of War | Witnessing and listening are the crux

❖ FROM B1

Freedlund held workshops to guide participants in the art of storytelling.

Scott collected audio interviews and images.

Dandeneau and Sabata crafted the stories, interviews, visual images and live music into the final production at the Playhouse.

Each Playhouse performance may differ as not every participant will be there on every night.

The storytelling workshops yielded rich material for the project.

“We didn’t know what was going to come in the door,” Scott said. “If we got three or four stories out of the workshop, we’d be happy,” Dandeneau added.

Instead, the walk-ins brought so much more.

“We have eleven stories and several more on the audio interviews,” Freedlund said.

The four women were flexible about the original goals and plans for the project. Some vets, they explained, had to travel long distances to participate. Others have health problems that limit their participation.

“We’ll use their recordings if they cannot make it,” Freedlund said. “A lot of things have changed with this production. In many storytelling workshops, you sort of rise and fall, tell your story and be done. That’s not happening here,” she explained. “The most important thing is witnessing each other in this support. Without hearing these stories, we wouldn’t have a show.”

Witnessing and listening is the crux of the production. “The genesis for the [project] grant was what happens to people who are no longer in that war place when they come home,” Dandeneau said.

“How can we, as a community, hear them?” Freedlund added.



MARINE CORPS STAFF SERGEANT Michael Nickerson contributed his story.

PHOTO BY TAMMY RAE SCOTT

“It’s an honor to be part of this project,” Scott said. [arcataplayhouse.org](http://arcataplayhouse.org), [facebook.com/A-Break-in-the-Battle-181059471907115](https://www.facebook.com/A-Break-in-the-Battle-181059471907115)

*Echoes of War* aims to let these stories be heard, by every theatre goer and every radio listener. It’s especially important locally because, according to Freedlund, Humboldt County has the highest number of veterans per capita in California.

Performances are Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 22 to 24 at 7 p.m. with an additional matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25. Tickets are \$10/\$8 for veterans. Phone reservations at (707) 822-1575 are recommended. Tickets are available at Wildberries Marketplace or [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).

Banners from “A Break in the Battle,” a tattoo project from Ft. Benning conceived by Ronayne (Ronie) Dalton will be on display at the Playhouse. The exhibit pays tribute to Dalton’s late son, James Andrew Dalton, who collected tattoos, and to all other soldiers who have been affected by combat.

❖ THEATRE REVIEW

HSU Theatre’s *Kiss Me, Kate* a diamond in the rough

Lauraine Leblanc  
MAD RIVER UNION

VAN DUZER – Self-referentiality is so widespread within social networking that it has even spawned a #meta hashtag. But even the most self-conscious meta detector could learn a thing or two from composer Cole Porter and playwrights Sam and Bella Spewack, the brilliant minds behind *Kiss Me, Kate*, the classic musical about a theatre troupe putting on Shakespeare’s *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Briefly put, the onstage war between Petruchio and Kate pales in comparison to the domestic warfare between *Shrew*’s stars, divorced couple Fred Graham and Lilli Vanessi, a fiction itself inspired by actual events that transpired when Alfred Lunt and Lyne Fontaine staged *Shrew* in 1935. Add to this that the Spewacks were splitting up as they wrote *Kate*, whose success probably saved their marriage. So #meta!

Not bad for a musical from 1948 based on an event from 1935 incorporating a play from the 1590s. What could better resonate with any college’s theatre department than something so postmodern?

It takes a couple of strong actors to pull off the fireworks demanded by *Kiss Me, Kate*, and, happily, director Susan Abbey found them in Anna Duchi and Gino Bloomberg. In the role of diva Lilli Vanessi playing Katherine, Duchi brings a regal bearing and rich, warm voice; she is utterly convincing as a ’40s film star returning to the stage. Duchi’s charm is more than matched by Bloomberg’s as Fred Graham/Petruchio. Bloomberg brings just the right mix of over-the-top cockiness and wounded vulnerability to the role; even when his mic went out, his performance and charisma were just so big that he filled the theatre despite the technical difficulties.

And SNAFUs were the order of the evening on opening night, as mics cut out, props went agley and the orchestra and singers fell out of sync. As the extremely long list of contributors in the program attests, a lot of hard work went into *Kiss Me, Kate*, a big production, with lots of set and costume changes, most of which succeeded.

Despite these problems, however, HSU’s Department of Theatre, Film and Dance has a lot to be proud of in this show. The ensemble held it to-

gether, pulling off some impressive choreographies. The costumes were sumptuous and plentiful and the sets transitioned well from a Baltimore backstage to sunny Padua.

Other notable performances included Tossa Hayward as Lois Lane/Bianca, who brought a sweetness to her role as a social climbing nightclub singer, and Mickey Thompson and Ivan Gamboa as a pair of thuggish softshoeing gangsters who repeatedly stole the show.

HSU Theatre’s *Kiss Me, Kate* is a diamond in the rough; it’s a gem at heart, and a little polishing will make it shine all the brighter. “You cross your fingers and hold your heart” sang the cast in the opening number, but Fortuna was not in the house that evening. With any luck, by the time you read this, one more week will have put it all right.

*Kiss Me, Kate* runs at the Van Duzer Theatre Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 22 to 24 at 7:30 p.m. with one matinee on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15/\$10 seniors, students and children from the HSU Box Office at (707) 826-3928.

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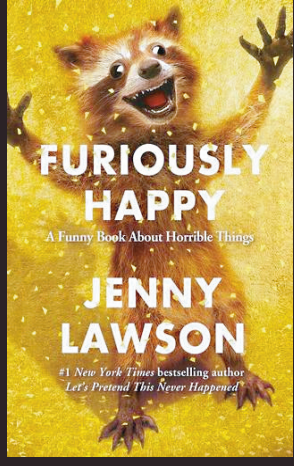


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Candy, upper left, with four of her six kittens.

## Candy is dandy!

With Halloween just around the corner, everyone's thoughts are turning to candy. But this year, you won't just find candy going from door to door; she's at Companion Animal Foundation too!



MARIAH SOUTHWORTH  
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Stop by and meet Candy and her six kittens, Willy, Wonka, Oompa, Lumpa, Violet and Veruca. Candy was picked up at animal control when her babies were just two days old. Thanks to foster mom Brie and husband Jason, this feline family was able to spend six weeks getting the love and attention every animal deserves in a safe home environment. Candy is not only super sweet, she is also beautiful and has shown herself to be an exceptional mother to her kittens.

Candy and her kittens will be available for adoption as soon as they have been spayed and/or neutered. Until then, you can come down to our Sunny Brae store and meet them yourselves. Our adoption room is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spaying and neutering pets is very important to us here at Companion Animal Foundation, and that is why this weekend we are hosting a Spay/Neuter clinic in Hoopa. We are still taking donations of blankets, clean towels, and pet food. These donations can be dropped off at our Sunny Brae store.

To learn more about CAF and other programs, visit the thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata, email [cafanimals@gmail.com](mailto:cafanimals@gmail.com), visit [cafanimals.org](http://cafanimals.org), check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook or call (707) 826-PETS (7387).

**ARCATA SEEKS CRAFTERS** Arcata Recreation's annual Holiday Craft Market is Dec. 12 and 13 at the Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy. This event benefits the Youth Development Scholarship Fund. There are still a few more spaces available for creative crafters to join. Registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 26. Booth fees are \$120 for the main room and \$100 in the Senior Room. (707) 822-7091, [cityofarcata.org/rec](http://cityofarcata.org/rec)

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- Old Mogul governor
- Military equipment
- Suffix for heir or host
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Westhaven Center for the Arts (WCA) is "Calling All Artists!" to submit artwork, 20" x 20" maximum size, for its November-December show called *Small Images*.

Artists may submit up to three works in all media with an entry fee of \$5 per piece, on Tuesday, Oct. 27 between 2 and 5 p.m. at WCA, 501 South Westhaven Dr.

The current exhibit, *Fire and Oil*, with oil paintings by Teresa Saluzzo and pyrography (wood burning) and prints by Travis Hinshaw, will be closing this month.

You can view the gallery selections during Fourth Friday Flicks at WCA on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. The featured film is Francois Truffaut's *Jules and Jim* (1962), the classic study of friendship and romance in shifting relationships between characters played by Jeanne Moreau, Henri Serre and Oscar Werner. The film is in French with English subtitles. Admission is \$5.

Also at WCA is Hatha Yoga for all levels with Amy Day on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Visit [innerfreedomyoga.com](http://innerfreedomyoga.com) or call (707) 440-2111 for information.

Jeff Stanley teaches painting on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and again from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Call (707) 497-8003 for fee schedule and registration.

Glenda Heseltine leads Tai Chi Made EZ sessions on Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Drop-in and ongoing rates are available. Call (707) 268-3936 for details.

Meantime, Art in Progress from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays with Artist-in-Residence Antoinette "Toni" Magyar continues at WCA along with Music In Progress on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. with Musician-in-Residence Tim Breed.

WCA is open Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Check activities at [westhavencenter.org](http://westhavencenter.org) or leave a message at (707) 677-9493.



❖ TRINIDAD TIDINGS

### City clerk in new office

The city clerk's office at the front of the 1917 Trinidad Town Hall has never looked so appealing. Gabe Adams is back at his desk in the same spot after weeks of remodeling during which Gabe carried on city business in the Club Room next door. Mitch Ward and Tom Sheen were among the craftsmen who captured the vintage look of the office and modernized it at the same time. The woodwork is stunning. Have a look.

### Harper's paintings in calendar

Artist Beverly Harper, who has painted many colorful, whimsical, joyful interpretations of Trinidad life and landmarks, has been selected as Coast Central Credit Union's 2016 calendar artist. A reception in her honor will be held at the McKinleyville CCCU office at 1968 Central Ave. during the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce Mixer on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Email Patti at [baycity@sonic.net](mailto:baycity@sonic.net).

## Flu season has started: It's time to get vaccinated

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

HUMBOLDT – Flu season has arrived and public health officials say now is a good time to get vaccinated.

The Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) will begin offering the vaccine Thursday, Oct. 22, at its Public Health Clinic, 529 I St. in Eureka.

A flu vaccine is needed every year to maintain existing immunity because flu viruses are constantly changing. It's not unusual for new flu viruses to appear each year. The flu vaccine is formulated annually to keep up with the flu viruses as they change.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone six months of age and older be vaccinated.

"You may feel like you don't need a flu shot," said Susan Buckley, Public Health director for DHHS. "If so, think about getting the vaccine on behalf of those you know who are more vulnerable than you—grandchildren, friends and family who are pregnant or may be immune compromised. You'll stay healthy as well as protecting those around you."

The cost of the flu vaccine is \$17, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. Medicare is accepted. Flu vaccine is offered by appointment only. Appointments will be scheduled Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

It takes up to two weeks after receiving the flu vaccine to achieve the best protection. Nationally, flu season lasts from October through May. Public Health officials recommend getting the vaccine earlier in the season.

There is more you can do to prevent the spread of the flu in addition to getting a flu shot. Health officials recommend practicing the "3 Cs": Clean your hands, cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough and contain your germs by staying home if you're sick.

To make an appointment for a flu vaccine, call your health care provider or the Public Health Clinic at (707) 268-2108.

**SOROPTIMIST LUNCHEON** Soroptimist International of Arcata invites the public to its annual fall salad luncheon today, Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Leavey Hall, 1730 Janes Rd. in Arcata. Enjoy a luncheon of ham and turkey, a delicious assortment of salads, with rolls and dessert. Beverages are also included. Take-outs will be available. Proceeds benefit Soroptimist's community service projects. Tickets are \$12/\$5 for kids aged 6 to 12/free for children under 6 years and can be purchased at the door or from any Soroptimist club member. Contact Marge Dimmick at (707) 822-0539 or Yvonne White at (707) 822-6217.

## Cuteness overload alert! Dachshund puppies!

Gunner is a 4-year-old red and white Queensland heeler. He is a lovely example of his breed – smart, quick, easy to train, gentle and very focused.

Gunner has clearly had some training in his past. He responds to "sit" and "stay," as well as other commands. He is a great fetcher and returns the ball gently to the thrower.

Gunner has impressed the new and experienced dog-walkers with his good manners. He has not shown a huge interest in the other

will impress those who meet him with his mature manners. He would be a dog that would be easy to take along, wherever his people are going.

Heelers like a job and Gunner is no different. He would do great with agility or rally training and would be proud to show off his talents.

Gunner is at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. He has been neutered, vaccinated and microchipped and is ready to walk out the door with the lucky person who adopts him! He has been at the shelter since Sept. 18, come meet him today! More info is available at (707) 840-9132.

Cuteness overload alert! Redwood Pals Rescue has a mama dachshund and her four newborn pups in their care. The puppies were born Oct. 2 and will be available to go to their new homes about the first week of December.

There are two females and two males, one of each in brown and black. The puppies are fat and healthy and Mama is doing a great job.

The mother will also be available for adoption through Redwood Pals.



MARA SEGAL  
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# Plaza | Lots of ideas suggested

**FROM A1**

women and physical assaults.

Maureen Kane said the bad behavior reflects the corruption of our society, “right up to the highest levels.” She called for community unity.

Attorney Paul Hagen recommended “practical solutions.”

Those two themes – making a cultural shift while doing triage on the immediate problems – played out with a number of suggestions.

Ideas aired included providing relief for the homeless, and by extension the downtowners they importune for handouts and whose doorways they often occupy. There was discussion of restoring some of the functions formerly provided by the now-defunct Arcata Endeavor, such as showers, laundry and food.

The City of Arcata was represented by City Attorney Nancy Diamond and City Engineer Doby Class. Class said the former Endeavor building at Ninth and E streets, now occupied by Arcata House, was recently overhauled and has fully functioning facilities. However, Arcata House is operating under reduced services due to funding shortfalls.

An idea proposed during previous inconsequential efforts to civilize the Plaza but never followed through with – installation of parking meter-style donation stations – was again raised as a method for collecting funds for services that genuinely aid the homeless. Another suggestion was having merchants collect donations.

Yet another suggestion was creation of a kiosk on the Plaza that might provide cheap but nutritious food, along with resource referrals.

Some wished for more police presence on the Plaza, or possibly a security service. The importance of documenting and reporting negative incidents was stressed.

More Plaza events and activities were also encouraged to mainstream the downtown with wholesome activities. Now that the Plaza is Arcata’s de facto downtown dog park, more “Doggipot” poo-bag dispensers could be installed.

Several attendees came with brooms and bags, ready to start cleaning up. Following the meeting, they did just that. The cleanup crews could become a more organized and repeated effort.

Class said the city’s Tymco 600 Regenerative Air Street Sweeper could be scheduled for more frequent runs along dirty downtown streets. Nancy Stephenson of Arcata Main Street said her organization and the city are looking into funding for a \$4,500 sidewalk-vacuum.

The Community PRIDE Project meets again this Friday at 1 p.m. at The Jam, 915 H St. in Arcata.

**WOOD TURNERS** The Redwood Coast Woodturners (RedCoW) meets Thursday, Nov. 12, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at McKinleyville Middle School, 2285 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Attendance is free. All interested in wood turning are welcome, beginner to pro. No prior experience needed. This meeting will focus on coloring turned pieces. For more information call (707) 499-9569.

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*Answers to last week's crossword*

## LEGAL NOTICES

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KELLY GIAMPAOLO  
336 GROTTO STREET  
EUREKA, CA 95501

This business is conducted by: An Individual  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CURTIS, AKA BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CURTIS, SR.**  
CASE NO.: PR150245

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CURTIS, AKA BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CURTIS, SR.

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: LINDA ROCHA in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: LINDA ROCHA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A **hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**  
Date: November 5, 2015  
Time: 2:00 PM  
Dept.: 8

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the

date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the petitioner: RYAN HURLEY, GALE & NIELSEN  
2850 HARRIS STREET  
EUREKA, CA 95503  
(707) 269-0167  
10/14, 10/21, 10/28

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LAVELLE JOY NELSON CASE NO.: PR150249**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: LAVELLE JOY NELSON

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: WARREN NELSON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: WARREN NELSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the

decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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Attorney for the petitioner: RYAN HURLEY, GALE & NIELSEN  
2850 HARRIS STREET  
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**CITY OF ARCATA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR BAYSIDE ROAD SEWER FORCEMAIN INSTALLATION PROJECT 2015**

**Engineers Estimate \$46,500**

The City of Arcata is soliciting bids for the installation of approximately 870 LF of 2" diameter PVC sewer pipe, and eight 20' long 2" diameter pressure sewer lateral service connections. Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Manager, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521.

The WORK consists of Sanitary Sewer collection improvements in Arcata, California and requires furnishing all labor, su-

pervision, traffic control, incidentals, testing, equipment, materials and performing all work required to make those improvements. The WORK consists of, but is not limited to shallow trenching, installing PVC pipe with fittings and appurtenances in the City of Arcata.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p.m. on **October 26, 2015**, at which time they will be transferred to the City Council Chambers where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Engineer or his designated representative. Said bids will be referred to the Arcata City Council for consideration at their next regularly scheduled meeting on or after November 4, 2015.

Questions regarding the project may be directed to, or a site tour may be arranged, by **contacting the Arcata Engineering Department at 825-2128**.

Bids received after the specified opening time will not be considered. The bidder is solely responsible for the timely delivery of his bid.

CONTRACTOR shall possess a Class "A" license at the time this contract is bid or a combination of classes required by the categories and type of work included in this contract.

This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROPOSAL forms for bidding this PROJECT can be obtained at the office of the City Manager, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521, **(contact Contracts and Procurement Specialist – Cliff Poulton (707) 825-2101)** upon payment of a

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The Contract Documents may be examined after October 14th 2015, at the following locations:

- City of Arcata, City Hall, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521;
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- City of Arcata, Engineering Department, 525 9th Street, Arcata, CA 95521

The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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The above project is subject to uniform construction cost accounting procedures as set forth in the California Public Contracts Code, Section 22000 et seq., the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

All bidders shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

Cliff Poulton, Contracts & Procurement Specialist  
October 9, 2015  
10/14, 10/21

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Arcata will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments and testimony regarding **Unmet Transit Needs**. Comments and testimony received will be used in the determination of unmet needs within the City. The City Council will hold this public hearing on November 18, 2015, at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The City Council meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521. Written comments can also be submitted and must be received at the Arcata City Hall at 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521, attention Transportation Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. November 18, 2015. For more information, please contact Larry Pardi, Transportation Superintendent at 707 822-3775. 10/21, 11/18



# TRAIL TENDERLY TENDED



**HAPPY TRAILS** On Oct. 3, County Park staff and volunteers tended to the Hammond Trail. Left, the Humboldt Roller Derby crew lays gravel on the social trail. Center, folks from Cummins Pacific LLP restore the old Hammond Railroad line. Right, a group gathered to prep the site for a bench memorializing Ryan Kennedy. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

**Stacy Becker**  
HAMMOND VTS

MCKINLEYVILLE – On the first Saturday of each month, the Hammond Trail receives loving attention from Volunteer Trail Stewards (VTS) – people who enjoy the trail year round, and care enough to help County Parks & Recreation maintain it for safe and well-tended passage.

The Oct. 3 work day was an exceptional event – with four County Parks staff and 33 Trail Stewards, including two community groups, joining the VTS to accomplish four projects along the Hammond Trail around the Murray Road area, and with Eureka Natural Foods providing snacks to fuel the efforts.

The crew from Humboldt Roller Derby pitched in to help lay gravel on the social trail at the end of Murray Road to the Mad River. This was an area that the Trail Stewards, including the diesel engine/generator group Cummins Pacific LLP, worked on last year to prevent trail erosion into the river.

Roller Derby members were on familiar territory, rolling wheelbarrows and hammering it up while getting some backbreak-

ing work done.

“This year we decided to donate some of our time to the Humboldt Trails Council because we love taking advantage of the beautiful paved trails around Humboldt County!” said Talana Barry, aka Barry’Em 6 Ft Under. “They are perfect for outdoor skate sessions and the non-paved trails are perfect for hiking and cross training. Humboldt Roller Derby seeks to align ourselves with like-minded and community based groups.”

“The Hammond Trail is a derby skater favorite,” added player Kerry McNally, aka McNasty 34B, “We have a tradition of skating across the Bottoms, over the Hammond Bridge, up Cowshit Hill (our own nickname) through McKinleyville and out along the ribbon of paved trail to Clam Beach and back on the Hammond. We call this adventure Epic Skate and it is usually followed by burgers and beer. Be it skating, cycling, skate boarding, jogging and walking, self-locomoting is one of the best ways to enjoy beautiful Humboldt. Having more safe routes should be a priority.”

Further north along the trail, Cummins Pacific LLP joined the VTS again to help

with restoration of historical tracks from the old Hammond Railroad line. The group daylighted the tracks in this section, setting in a frame and gravel to make the tracks more permanent. Interpretive signage will be installed soon.

Cummins Pacific “believes in supporting our community and we wish to give back to the environment,” said Director of Operations April Conti-Farris. “This year we donated 16 hours to the Hammond Trail beach cleanup event, which also turns out we were selected to preserve a portion of the railroad tracks that is part of the trail and where the Hammond trail got its name from – Hammond Railroad.”

Continuing north, another group prepared a previously burnt area to install a memorial bench. Parks & Recreation staff cut down one of the burnt trees to create a low-lying fence around the area, into which a bench will later be installed so people can enjoy the beautiful river and ocean view along the trail.

Soon after the loss of their sons’ close friend, Lisa Brown and Nancy Stephenson were inspired to create a memorial for Ryan Kennedy that would not only give

family and friends a place to go for quiet beauty and contemplation, but would also be a special place for the whole community.

An ideal spot for a bench on the Hammond Trail near Ryan’s family was soon located, funds were raised, and Ryan’s loved ones teamed up with the Hammond Trail Stewards and County staff to clear away burned trees and level the ground for the bench. Monumental Settings in Arcata will finish and install the custom bench in the next month, incorporating a few sentimental items in the concrete pour.

The final group trekked further north up to the Widow White Interpretive Trail in order to chop back and bag invasive pampas grass plumes.

Volunteer Trail Stewards have been making a difference on the Hammond Trail since July 2010. The Hammond group is one of the first projects of the Volunteer Trail Stewards, now eight projects strong.

The Hammond Trail Stewards meet the first Saturday of each month for work days at changing locations on the Hammond. For more information, contact Stacy Becker at [sbecker@reninet.com](mailto:sbecker@reninet.com).

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